Shooting Star

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Summary: What happens when everyone in the Great Hall, humans and dragons, make the same wish? Read and find out!

1. The Wish

A/N: Hey guys! I'm here with another story. This is an AU story of what happened after the Battle against the Red Death. It has been inspired by one of my favourite stories which will revealed at the end of this chapter. I don't want to give any spoilers yet ;) Please read and review. Enjoy!

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Chapter 1: The Wish

Stoick Haddock took one last glance of his house, with his children and their Night Furies inside, before he made his way to the Great Hall for dinner. He tried to convince his daughter, Hicca, to come with him but the girl adamantly refused, not wanting to leave her brother, Hiccup who was still in a coma after the battle that took place in Dragon Island. Stoick sighed. Clearly his stubbornness has been passed to both of his children. If it wasn't for the fact that Hicca already made herself dinner and presented a valid point that anything could happen to Hiccup while they were gone, he would have tried to drag his daughter to the Great Hall. 'Although' he thought 'I probably wouldn't have been able to drag her anyway with those two beasts present.'

As soon as he set foot inside the Great Hall, all the villagers stopped their conversations and turned to their chief. Gobber came up to his best friend and spoke up what was on everyones' minds. "How is he?"

Stoick knew this was coming. "He's getting better. His fever is gone for now. Hicca is doing everything she can to maintain that."

"She is still sticking with her vow to not leave the house until her brother wakes up, eh?" Gobber asked knowingly.

Stoick nodded and then turned to Astrid and Raeda. "Do you two think you can convince Hicca to go outside for a bit tomorrow when you see her?"

"We can try our best chief, but we can't guarantee that she will agree." Raeda answered.

"Yeah, it's hard to tell who is more stubborn; her or Hiccup." Astrid agreed.

This caused everyone to chuckle. Stubbornness was certainly a gift and a curse for the Haddock twins.

There was silence in the Great Hall for a moment as everyone started contemplating for a bit. Gobber finally broke the silence and voiced in what everyone was thinking of. "Hiccup, Hicca and two Night Furies. Who knew, eh?"

The villagers agreed to that. "How in the world did those two managed to pull off befriending two of the most feared dragons known to Vikings?" Spitelout asked.

The chief had no reply. He was still trying to learn more of the two children he has been neglecting for years.

"All I know is that they have been keeping this secret ever since you guys left to search for the Nest." Astrid said.

"I once asked Hicca about that. She said it was a long story and that she would tell when her brother comes out from his coma." Raeda spoke up.

"That would take a long time though. We don't know when Hiccup is going to wake up." Fishlegs pointed out.

Gobber sighed. "I really wish I knew how those two did it."

Everyone mentally agreed to that. They were all really curious to know how to of the scrawniest teens, who could barely lift any weapon except daggers, managed to tame two Night Furies. Even the dragons wanted to know how two feared dragons of the archipelago became so close to two human Vikings. What no one knew, however, was that a shooting star was passing by high in the sky. It then started to glow.

Everyone, humans and dragons, were in shock of what happened next. The inside of the Great Hall was flooded with a bright light, blinding everyone inside. The light suddenly disappeared and it took a minute for everyone to adjust their eyes to their surroundings and when they did, they saw a large, flat, dark grey surface appear in front of them.

Stoick cautiously approached the surface. "What is this?" He asked. Neither Viking nor dragon knew the answer.

Everyone gasped in shock when the screen suddenly turned white with a

message written across:

WELCOME VIKINGS AND DRAGONS. THE SHOOTING STAR HAS HEARD YOUR WISH AND GRANTED IT. WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE ON THIS SCREEN WILL EXPLAIN EXACTLY HOW HICCUP AND HICCA BEFRIENDED TOOTHLESS AND MIDNIGHT. IT WILL START AT THE DRAGON RAID WHERE THEY CLAIMED THEY SHOT DOWN TOOTHLESS AND WILL END WITH THE BATTLE AT THE DRAGONS' NEST. THIS WILL EVEN GIVE YOU A GLIMPSE OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE TWINS AFTERWARDS. ALSO, STARTING FROM NOW, TIME OUTSIDE THE GREAT HALL HAS BEEN FROZEN AND WILL UNFREEZE UNTIL THIS STORY ENDS. SO FOR HICCA, MIDNIGHT AND TOOTHLESS ONLY A SECOND WILL HAVE PASSED BY.
ENJOY!

Everyone looked at the screen with awe.

"Hah! I knew wishes on shooting stars can come true!" Gobber said gleefully.

"'Afterwards?' Does that mean we're going to get a glimpse in the future?" Fishlegs asked eagerly.

"There's only one way to find out." Raeda answered.

All the dragons and Vikings gathered around the screen and watched excitedly as a picture started to form on the screen.

A/N: That's right! I'm doing a 'watching the movie' fic and this story was inspired by 'The Voice' by RavynAshes2. I have gotten permission from the author to use the story as an inspiration with my own twist. If you want to read 'The Voice' you can find it on my 'favourite stories' page. I hope you guys like this! Plus I'm also going to add some 'deleted scenes' in there so if you have any requests, please PM me.

2. We Have Dragons

A/N: Again, so sorry for the delay. Hopefully this chapter makes up for it. I will be adding a new chapter for my 'Riders of Berk' series so for now, enjoy this chapter and please read and review.

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Chapter 2: We Have Dragons

This is Berk.

Everyone got a jolt when they heard Hiccups' voice on the screen

******_It's twelve days north of Hopeless, and a few degrees south of Freezing to Death._****_It's located solidly on the Meridian of Misery_**

Somewhere in the archipelago, a village can be seen surrounded by water. All seems peaceful for now...

**_My village. In a word: sturdy. And it's been here for seven

generations, but, every single building is new. We have fishing, hunting, and a charming view of the sunsets. The only problems are the pests._**

All of a sudden, on a farm, one of the sheep is taken from above! This alerted the nearby Berkians.

You see, most places have mice or mosquitoes. We have...

In one of the houses, a fifteen year old boy opens his door only to shut it immediately, narrowly avoiding getting blasted by fire.

"**Dragons" he whispered then turned to a girl who was the same age as him.**

"That was close." Astrid commented. The other villagers agreed with her. They just started watching and already one of the Haddock twins was facing a near-death experience.

"**It's that time already?" The girl asked him.**

"**Yep. Let's go!" With that, they both rushed outside, knowing exactly where to go.**

"Wait 'what time' already?" Tuffnut asked dumbly.

Ruffnut rolled her eyes at her brother. "The dragon raid, idiot!"

Most people would leave. Not us. We're Vikings. We have stubbornness issues.

**The once peaceful atmosphere of Berk has suddenly changed into a complete warzone. Every Viking out there was armed with axes, swords, maces and hammers fighting off dragons to protect their village. **

The two teens ran into the battlefield, one more excited than the other, being careful to dodge the oncoming villagers.

My name's Hiccup and this is my twin sister Hicca. Great names, I know. But, they're not the worst. Parents believe a hideous name will frighten off gnomes and trolls. Like our charming Viking demeanour wouldn't do that.

"It could be worse." Raeda muttered, lucky to be one of the few who has a name that wasn't an insult.

Suddenly in the chaos, Hiccup stumbles, falling over backwards and a male Viking lands on top of him.

"**ARGGGHHHHH!" The adult Viking roared before cheerfully greeting" Mornin'!"**

"He has a point there." Raeda said as the others chuckled in agreement. The man that was shown on the screen looked sheepish.

**The Viking adult then left on his path and as Hiccup got up with

the help of his sister, they continued on their path. As they ran, they met with other adults who started shouting at them.**

"**What are you two doing here?!"**

"**Get inside!"**

"What are you two doin' out?"

"Get back inside!"

The twins ignored the villagers and continued running until a large man grabbed them, stopping them from running into a line of fire from one of the dragons.

"**Hiccup?! Hicca?! What are they doing out aga-?! What are you two doing out?! Get inside!" He shouted shoving them off.**

The adult Vikings were starting to feel guilty when they saw how they treated the two teens. They knew that the two of them had to go to the forge as always to work on their weapons, and what were they doing? Shouting at them just for running by. Stoick especially was feeling guilty at seeing the way he was treating his children. He was the one who made both of them worked at the forge in the hopes that it would make them stronger.

That's Stoick the Vast. Chief of the tribe. They say that when he was a baby, he popped a dragon's head clean off of its shoulders. Do Hicca and I believe it? Yes, we do**.**

A month ago, Stoick would have felt pride that Hiccup and Hicca believed that. Even though it was in fact a rumour, he has taken down many dragons in his young age. But now that there is peace between the Vikings and dragons, the guilt inside of him has now increased.

Stoick then turned to a nearby soldier and asked "What have we got?"

"**Gronckles, Nadders, Zipplebacks. Oh, and Hoark saw a Monstrous Nightmare." The soldier replied.**

All the mentioned dragons raised their heads at that.

"**Any Night Furies?" Stoick asked.**

"**No." The soldier replied. **

This news brought only a bit of relief to the chief. "Good." was all he said.

Back to the twins, who just arrived at the forge where they were greeted by the one-legged, one armed blacksmith.

"**Ah! Nice of both of you to join the party! I thought you have both been carried off!" he greeted them teasingly.**

"**Come on! You can't get rid of us that easily." Hicca replied as she and her brother threw of their vests and grabbed their

aprons.**

"**Hicca's right. We're waaaay too muscular for their taste. They wouldn't know what to do with all...this." Hiccup added, flexing his arms.**

"**Well, they need toothpicks, don't they?" the blacksmith joked.**

Everyone started chuckling at the interaction between the twins and the blacksmith.

The meat-head with attitude and interchangeable hands is Gobber. Hicca and I have been his apprentice ever since we were little. Well... littler.

"'Meathead'." Gobber huffed as the others continued to chuckle.

Immediately after Hiccup opened the window to the forge weapons were thrown into his arms as he struggled to get them to the workbench, while his sister got a fire going and they started working on the weapons.

Everyone except Raeda and Gobber leaned closer, curious to see how the two scrawny teens were able to work in the forge.

Meanwhile outside the battlefield, the dragons were persistent in catching their prey and the Vikings fearlessly fought back while some carried the sheeps out of the dragons reaches.

"We move to the moor defences! We'll counter-attack with the catapults!" Stoick commanded just as more dragons flew by burning the every house in sight

See? Old village, lots and lots of new houses.

Through the window of the forge Hiccup and Hicca could see the villages' fire brigade appearing on the scene. The fire brigade consisted of six teens, all the same age as the twins.

"That's us!" Tuffnut pointed.

"Alright!" Snotlout said, eager to see himself there.

_Oh, and that's _**_Fishlegs_****_, _****_Snotlout_****_, Raeda, the Thorston twins, _****_Ruffnut_********_and _****_Tuffnut_****_, and... _****_Astrid_****_._** ** An explosion was set off behind the six teens, giving a fiery background for the Fire Brigade as they walked by.**

"We look awesome!" Ruffnut exclaimed.

"I know! Did you see that explosion behind us?" Tuffnut said in awe.

The parents of the six teens smiled in pride at seeing their children. They may not be dragon slayers in the future, but they would definitely be great warriors.

Oh, their job is so much cooler.

As Hiccup tried to get out and join them, Gobber suddenly came up behind him using his hook to grab the boy by his tunic and lifted him away from the door.

"**Oh, come on. Let me out, please? I need to make my mark!" Hiccup begged. Hicca, however, stayed silent.**

"How come Hicca is not trying to get out as well." Fishlegs asked, noticing the silent Haddock girl who was watching the exchange between her brother and her mentor.

"Because she never really wanted to go out during the dragon raids. She mostly goes when Hiccup goes. Yes, she wanted to prove herself to you guys, but she was never as enthusiastic as her brother was." Raeda answered knowingly.

"**Oh, you and your sister have made ****_plenty_**** of marks. All in the wrong places." Gobber replied, knowing from experience exactly what will happen if those two were outside during a dragon raid.**

"**Please, two minutes. I'll kill a dragon. My life will get infinitely better. I might even get a date." Hiccup begged.**

"**Hiccup, for dating, the best choice for a date would be Raeda and as far as I know neither of you see each other in a romantic way." Hicca told him.**

Astrid frowned at that statement. Since reconnecting with her two former friends, she had started to grow feelings for Hiccup. She was really devastated when she thought that Hiccup died in the Battle and regretted not telling him about her feelings for him. She resolved to do so if-no-when he wakes up from his coma. Now it seems that she is going to have some competition.

'No, don't be stupid. They don't like each other that way. Hicca just said that and she would now if there was anything going on between those two.' Astrid thought to herself.

Unfortunately for her, someone noticed her expression. "Jealous of Henderson, eh?" Ruffnut smirked, whispering in a low voice so that only Astrid would hear.

"I have no idea what you're talking about." Astrid hissed back, narrowing her eyes as if to dare the Thorston girl to argue back.

Ruffnut simply held her hands in mock surrender and the two girls went back to looking at the screen.

"**Lass has a point. Besides you can't lift a hammer, you can't swing an axe; you can't even throw one of these!" For emphasis, Gobber lifted one of the bolas which was immediately snatched by one of the soldiers outside who then threw it to an oncoming dragon.**

"**Okay, fine, but this will throw it for me." Hiccup replied

gesturing to the newest invention he and his sister made.**

"**We call it 'The Mangler. It's designed to throw bolas at a faster speed and a higher altitude than an average Viking can,'" Hicca explained.**

Everyone, except Raeda and Gobber, leaned closer in curiosity. Could that contraption actually do that?

However, as soon as Hiccup touched the device, it suddenly shot a bola which hit one of the warriors standing outside!

"You know, with some adjustments, that could actually be a good defence weapon to be placed with the catapults." Mulch pointed out and everyone agreed.

"I wish I realized that before." Gobber muttered, knowing what's coming next.

"**See, now this right here is what I'm talking about!" Gobber told the two.**

"**We haven't really tested it out properly." Hicca said meekly.**

"**Yeah. There a few mild calibration issues-"Hiccup started to explain but was then cut off by Gobber.**

"**Hiccup. If you and your sister ever want to get out there to fight dragons, you both need to stop all... this." Gobber said gesturing to them.**

"**But, you just pointed to ****_all_**** of us!" Hiccup retorted**

"**Yes! That's it! Stop being, all of you!" Gobber exclaimed.**

"I'm actually glad that they didn't take my advice." Gobber commented. Everyone nodded their heads in agreement. After all, if the Haddock stopped being 'all of them', Berk wouldn't have changed for the better.

Now understanding what Gobber meant, Hiccup tried another approach "You sir, are playing a dangerous game. Keeping this much, raw... Viking-ness... contained?! THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES!" he warned.

Everyone chuckled at that.

Gobber, seeing right through this facade, was indifferent. "I'll take my chances. Sword. Sharpen. Now. And you go check on that guy your brother just knocked out with this device." He ordered both of them.

**As Hiccup took the sword, Hicca rushed outside to check on the guy, hoping there wasn't any brain damage. However, as soon as she reached him, he was starting to recover and shoved her off when she tried to help him up. With a battle cry, he ran to rejoin his comrades.

Sighing, Hicca headed back into the forge to work on the other weapons.**

One day, I'll get out there. Although Hicca doesn't like it but killing a dragon is everything around here.

"Wait, Hicca never liked that?" Snotlout asked. Everyone, except Raeda and Gobber, was surprised as well.

"Hicca is a healer, not a fighter. She has said that many times herself." Gobber stated.

"She was never really okay with hurting anyone. Dragon or not." Raeda added.

Stoick looked at the blacksmith and the Henderson girl as the guilt and shame came back to him. There were too people who knew his children better than he did! He vowed to change that soon.

_A Nadder head is sure to get me at least noticed. _

All the Deadly Nadders, including Stormfly and Sparkfire, snorted at that. 'At least noticed'? They could do better than that.

_Gronckles are tough. Taking down one of those would definitely get me a girlfriend. _

The Gronckles raised their heads at that. That's a good thing right?

_A Zippleback? Exotic. Two heads, twice the status. _

The Zipplebacks head-butted each other. They were considered exotic!

And then, there's the Monstrous Nightmare. Only the best Vikings go after those. They have this nasty habit of setting themselves on fire.

The Monstrous Nightmares lit themselves on fire, including Hookfang. Unfortunately Snotlout, who was sitting next to his dragon, caught on fire. The poor Jorgenson boy jumped up and ran to the nearest trough filled with water while the rest of the villagers continued to watch.

But the ultimate prize is the dragon no one has ever seen. We call it theâ€”

"**NIGHT FURY!" "GET DOWN!" Some of the villagers yelled just before everyone immediately ducked down. Then out of nowhere one catapults exploded and it was the one that contained Stoick the Vast and a few other warriors!**

Everyone in the Great Hall, except for the dragons, got a jolt, forgetting for a moment that it wasn't real.

Fortunately they managed to jump out of there, narrowly missing a fiery death.

Assessing the situation in front of him, Gobber then turn to his two young apprentices "Man the fort you two, they need me out there!" He instructed them as he switched his prosthetic hand from a hammer to an axe. "Stay. Put. There. Both of you. You two know what I mean."

"**You mean don't run off adding anymore destruction and mayhem than there already is." Hicca stated.**

"**Exactly." With that he gave battle roar and ran outside leaving the twins in the forge.**

"You know Gobber; just because they understand what you mean doesn't mean they are going to follow it." Stoick pointed out.

"Trust me; I had to learn that the hard way." Gobber grumbled.

Hicca turned to her brother, knowing exactly what he was going to do "You're going to go out there with the Mangler, aren't you?" She asked, though it was more of a statement than a question.

"**Yep" Hiccup nodded. "You don't have to come with me this time. You can stay here if you want. Dad would be happy to know that at least one of his kids was listening to orders." He told her, knowing well that she wants to be a healer rather than a dragon slayer.**

Hicca, however, shook her head "I helped you build this thing. It is only fair that I share the responsibility with you if anything goes wrong with this device. Besides it's our motto 'Where one goes, the other follows'" She reminded him.

This caused everyone in the Great Hall to smile at the closeness of the Haddock twins.

Remembering their motto, he smiled at her and grabbed the Mangler "Okay. Let's go! But we better hurry before someone catches us!" Both of them shot out of the forge into the intense battle, once again earning shouts from the villagers.

"**Hiccup! Hicca! Where are you two going?!"**

"**Come back here!"**

"**Yeah, we know! Be right back!" Hiccup shouted**

"**We just have to do one quick thing!" Hicca added as they continued running.**

Meanwhile, unaware that Hiccup and Hicca left their post at the forge, Stoick and his men struggled to capture a group of Deadly Nadders, who refused to go down without a fight.

"**Mind yourselves! The devils still have some juice in them!" The Chief warned his men.**

Everyone, especially the chief, winced at how they were treating the captured dragons. They sure have a lot to make up for.

Elsewhere stopping at the edge of the island, Hiccup started setting up the Mangler while Hicca looked for a target.

Suddenly everyone, Vikings and Dragons included, leaned forward to the screen. This is it! They were going to see exactly how the Haddock twins shot down the fastest dragon in the Archipelago. They were in awe when they saw how Hiccup set up the bola launcher. Their awe was then replaced by guilt, except for Raeda. Were all of their inventions like that? How many inventions had they made which were as brilliant as that and was overlooked by almost everyone in the village.

"**There! I see a dragon!" She exclaimed pointed to the sky where an almost invisible black blur rapidly passed by. **

Hiccup, looking at the direction his sister was pointing at, immediately fired a bola. A loud cry is heard from above as a shadow is seen plummeting down into a forest.

Silence filled the Great Hall as everyone tried to register what they just saw. Yes, they did figure that the Haddock twins actually shot down a Night Fury but still looking at that was a shock to them.

**For a few seconds, both twins just stood there completely shocked until Hiccup found his voice. **

"**Oh, I hit it! YES! I HIT IT!" Hiccup exclaimed with triumph.**

Hicca, who was still registering what happened, let out a breath she didn't know she was holding "Good job bro. It's about time." She finally said however there was a small part of her that felt uneasy about the whole thing and she didn't know why.

"**Did anybody see that?" Hiccup asked turning around only to be met by a Monstrous Nightmare who crushed the Mangler. "Except for you." This caused Hicca to turn around and realize that a dragon is there and he did not look happy with them shooting his friend down.**

"So much for the bola launcher." Spitelout said.

"I'm sure those two have a design for it somewhere around." Gobber suggested.

"I'm not sure they are going to build it again though as that was the machine that shot down Toothless and made him crippled." Raeda pointed out.

**Back in the village two screams got Stoicks attention as he saw Hicca and Hiccup getting chased by a Monstrous Nightmare. However instead of feeling concern for those two, he was rather annoyed as he got up to help them. **

**Hiccup and Hicca runs behind a torch pole and hid behind it, narrowly avoiding the flames as it came around the corners. But before the dragon could come any closer to either of the twins, Stoick suddenly appears punching the beast away from the two teens.

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Again, the villagers, especially the Monstrous Nightmare who received them, winced with each punch and kick thrown at the dragon.

The dragon then tries to retaliate in anger, but coughs up magma instead.

"**You're all out." The Viking chief firmly stated. With no fire power left the Monstrous Nightmare surrendered the fight and flew off with the other dragons. Stoick then turned to the twins who were still behind the torch pole until it fell adding more flames to the already burnt out village.**

******_Oh and there's one more thing you need to know..._**

Knowing what is going to come next, the twins slowly turned to the face chief with their heads down and spoke in unison "Sorry Dad."

With a sigh, the chief lowered his head in guilt, knowing exactly what was going to happen next.

3. The Meeting

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Chapter 3: The Meeting

"**Ok. We know we messed up, but we did hit a Night Fury." Hiccup told his Dad.**

Angrily, the chief lifted one twin on each hand by their tunics and took them towards their house.

"**This time we're not making it up this time! We used the Mangler to launch a bola at the Night Fury and we got him!" Hicca tried to tell him as she and her brother were being carried off. **

"**It's not like the last few times, Dad! I mean, we really did hit it! You guys were busy and we had a very clear shot. It went down, just off Raven Point. Let's get a search party out there, before itâ€”"Hiccup added before he was cut off.**

Seeing this just increased the guilt for Stoick. His children have been telling him the truth all along and he never believed anything they said. What kind of father was he?

_**"**__**STOP!"**_

That made everyone, even the chief himself, flinch.

"**Just... stop. Every time you two step outside, disaster follows. Can you two not see that I have bigger problems? Winter's almost here and I have an ****_entire_**** village to feed!" Stoick yelled.**

"**Between the three of us, the village could do with a little ****_less_**** feeding, don't ya think?" Hiccup whispered. "I think so." Hicca agreed nodding her head, causing some of the Vikings who overheard to self-consciously put their hand to their stomachs.**

"**This isn't a joke, you two! Why can't you guys follow the simplest orders?" Stoick asked annoyed at them.**

"**We can't stop ourselves. We see a dragon and we have to just... kill it, you know? It's who we are, Dad." Hiccup answered." You two are many things, Hiccup and Hicca. But a dragon killer is not one of them. Get back to the house." **

Stoick then turned to Gobber "Make sure they get there. I have their mess to clean up." With that he left tend to the village as Gobber and the twins made their way back to the Haddock household. On the way they were met with mocks from Snotlout and Tuffnut.

"**Quite the performance." Tuffnut jeered.**

"**I've never seen anyone mess up that badly. That helped!" Snotlout taunted**

"**Thank you, thank you. We were trying, so..." Hiccup replied sarcastically while Hicca chose to ignore the two boys.**

The teens, except for Raeda, felt guilty and ashamed for continuously insulting the two twins and never backing them up. And despite that, Hiccup and Hicca still happily showed them the wonders of riding a dragon. They sure have a lot to make up for.

As they were getting close to their house, the two teens tried to convince Gobber they were telling the truth.

"**We really did hit one." Hiccup said. "We're telling the truth. The dragon fell somewhere in the forest." Hicca added.**

"**I'm sure you two did." Gobber said sarcastically. As much as he likes the Haddock Twins, those two have a tendency to exaggerate on certain things. He assumed that this was another one.**

It was now Gobbers' turn to feel guilty. He was one of the few who really knew those two well and he knew that they were not really good at lying. So why didn't he help them?

"**He never listens." "No matter how much we try to tell him." Hiccup and Hicca complained referring to their dad.**

"**Well, it runs in the family." Gobber informed them.**

Hiccup ignored that comment and continued his rant "And when he does, it's always with this... disappointed scowl. Like someone skimped on the meat in his sandwich." He then imitates Stoick. "Excuse me, barmaid! I'm afraid you brought me the wrong offsprings. I ordered two extra large children with beefy arms. Extra guts and glory on the side. These two here, these are two talking fish bones!"

Stoick was shocked at that. Was that what Hiccup really thought? What about Hicca? Did she feel the same way?

Gobber gave them a sympathetic look, knowing exactly what those two are going through being the children of the chief, and tried to console them." Now, you're thinking about this all wrong. It's not so much what you two look like; it's what's inside that he can't stand."

"Gobber! Why would you say that to them?" Stoick asked exasperated. It was bad enough that they thought he didn't want them, but now Gobber was adding fuel to that.

"How in the world was that suppose to be helpful?" Astrid asked.

"Yeah, not really one of my best pep-talks." Gobber said sheepishly, rubbing the back of his head.

However that comment made them feel worse "Thank you for summing that up." Hiccup said sarcastically. "That makes us feel so much better." Hicca added also with sarcasm.

Gobber sighed, knowing he was not that good at counselling "Look, the point is, stop trying so hard to be something you're not." He advised them

"That's not really any better, Gobber." Raeda stated.

"**I just want to be one of you guys." Hiccup said dejectedly, only speaking for himself because he knows very well that it was not what Hicca wants. He then went inside leaving his sister with his mentor. **

"How come he didn't mention Hicca?" Snotlout asked.

"You're about to find out." Gobber answered.

Gobber, who noticed that Hiccup left his sister out of that statement turned to the girl and asked her "That is not what you want is it." "No." She replied quietly.

"**Then why don't you let your father know, Hicca? Hiccup, Raeda and I have said numerous times; you're only fifteen and your knowledge of medicine is at a very high level. You would be one of the best healers if you were given the chance." **

"Is she really that good?" Fishlegs asked.

"You saw how she treated everyones' wounds, Fish. Her medical knowledge rivals your dragon knowledge." Raeda answered.

Stoick once again found himself wishing he knew as much about his children as Gobber and Raeda did.

"**I know that Gobber but I need to prove to village that I'm not incompetent. I mean who would want one of the screw-ups to treat their wounds? No one would come to me, even if they are bleeding to death. And the only way I could prove myself to them is by killing a

dragon." She explained to her mentor.**

All the villagers, except for the dragons, Gobber and Raeda, know felt bad knowing that she was absolutely right. They wouldn't have gone to her before. In fact, they probably would have laughed at her if she told them she wanted to be a healer.

Gobber, knowing this is true, gave her a pat on her shoulder "Take it easy today, both of you. I am going you two a day off from the forge." He then left towards the Great Hall. Hicca went inside and found her brother leaving the house through the back door. "You're going to find that Night Fury, aren't you." She asked although she very well what the answer was.

Hiccup turned to her and answered her question "Yes. And I think this time you should stay. I got you in enough trouble already." He said guiltily knowing well that out of the two, only he had the desire to kill a dragon. It was actually Hiccup who came up with the idea of making inventions to trap dragons. He knew that if he didn't go outside trying to capture dragons, then his sister would actually stay in the forge, following orders.

**Hicca, however, shook her head. "You're forgetting the other motto bro 'Whatever happens to one will happen to the other'. I'm with you through and through no matter how many lectures we get from the village and our Dad combined." She firmly told him looking him in the eyes. **

Everyone, except Raeda, was surprised at how much the Haddock twins watch out for each other.

Hiccup smiled at her. "Come on. Let's go." And the two went off, hoping to come back with a change in their reputations.

"You know, it was really easy for them to sneak off into the forest without anyone noticing." One of the villagers pointed out.

"Yes, it was." Stoick observed. He then turned to Raeda. "Is this the first time they've done this."

"What, sneaking into the forest? I guess it was?" Raeda said innocently, although the look in her eyes said otherwise. Something told the chief that he needed to keep a closer eye on his children in the future.

**While the Haddock twins went to their own mission in the woods, in the Great Hall a meeting was held to discuss the Dragons' Nest with Stoick, as chief, leading this meeting. "Either we finish them, or they'll finish us! It's the only way we'll be rid of them! If we find the nest and destroy it, the dragons will leave. They'll find another home! One more search. Before the ice sets in." **

"**Those ships never come back." One of the villagers argued. However, this fact did not discourage the chief. "We're Vikings! It's an occupational hazard! Now who's with me?"**

"Oh, no." One of the adult warriors muttered, knowing what was coming next.

**Seeing as no one is willing to volunteer, Stoick tried a different

approach. "Alright. Those who stay will look after Hiccup and Hicca." Immediately every hand shot in the air. No one wanted to have the task of looking after those troublesome twins.**

"_That's _how you get so many people to join your expedition?!" Raeda asked her chief in disbelief.

"Oh, wow! What fearless Vikings you all are. You're brave enough to go after terrifying dragons, sometimes losing your limbs in the process, but you're too scared to spend time with two teenagers?!" Astrid said.

The adult warriors put their heads down in shame, knowing that the Hofferson girl was right. Hiccup and Hicca were just two bright kids who have good intentions and they treated both of them like dirt under their feet. Stoick was feeling the most ashamed for using his children like that.

"Good thing neither of them are here to see this part." Gobber commented.

"**That's more like it." Stoick said as the warriors left the Great Hall for preparations**

"**Right, I'll pack my undies." Gobber said finishing his drink.**

"**No, I need you to stay and train some new recruits." Stoick informed him.**

"That's us!" Tuffnut said.

"**Oh, perfect. And while I'm busy, Hiccup and Hicca can cover the stall. Molten steel, razor sharp blades, lots of time to themselves... what could possibly go wrong?" Gobber said sarcastically with different possibilities running through his head.**

That reminded Stoick about his dilemma with his children. He sighed "What am I going to do with them, Gobber?"

"**Put them in training with the others." Gobber suggested.**

"**No, I'm serious." **

"**So am I."**

"**They'll be killed before you let the first dragon out of its cage." Stoick stated**

"**Oh, you don't know that." Gobber argued.**

"**I do know that, actually."**

"**No, you don't."**

"**No, actually, I do."**

"**No, you don't!"**

Everyone chuckled at watching those two argue.

"**Listen." Stoick said feeling frustrated from this argument. "You know what they're like. From the time they could crawl they've been... different. They don't listen; they have the attention span of a sparrow... I take them fishing and they go hunting for... for trolls!"**

"Only they could do that." Astrid said, amused.

"**Trolls exist! They steal your socks. But only the left ones. What's with that?" the blacksmith wondered. This made Stoick sigh. At least he knew where his kids got that idea from...**

"**When I was a boy..." He started to say.**

"**Oh, here we go." Gobber sighed, knowing what was coming.**

"This story again." Gobber sighed

"**My father told me to bang my head against a rock, and I did it. I thought it was crazy, but I didn't question him. And you know what happened?"**

"**You got a headache." Gobber asked.**

"**That rock split in two. It taught me what a Viking could do, Gobber. He could- He could crush mountains, level forests, and tame seas! Even as a boy, I knew what I was, what I had to become. Hiccup and Hicca are not like that." He explained.**

"Not true. Hicca knows exactly who she needs to be. Hiccup just needs more time." Gobber said.

"Well, why didn't you tell me before about Hicca wanting to become a healer?" Stoick asked him.

"She needed to tell you herself." Gobber answered.

Gobber was about to tell him that his daughter actually knows who she has to become, but decided not to as he knew that Stoick would only understand if he would listen to her. Instead, he decided to give his friend some advice. "You can't stop them, Stoick. You can only prepare them. Look, I know it seems hopeless. But the truth is you won't always be around to protect them. They're going to get out there again. They're probably out there now."

"That statement was really ironic, Gobber." Fishlegs said.

"Yeah!" Tuffnut said, before he became confused. "Wait, what's 'ironic'?"

A/N: What do you think? Too much commentary? Too little commentary? Criticisms and ideas are welcome.

4. Meeting Toothless And Midnight

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Chapter 4: Meeting Toothless And Midnight

Hicca and Hiccup were still in the forest looking for the dragon they shot down. They soon became frustrated at their many failed attempts to find it "Great! This is just great. Some people lose their knife or their mug. No. Not us. We manage to lose an ****_ENTIRE DRAGON?!" _**Hiccup ranted to his sister.**

"**We have the best luck in the world." Hicca said sarcastically.**

**Suddenly they stopped in front of a tree which was bent, as if something crashed right on top of it. There was also a trail which indicated that the said 'something' was dragged across the ground after crashing into the tree. **

Everyone leaned in closer towards the screen in excitement.

Following the trail, the twins climbed on a large rock only to immediately duck back down after what they just saw. Slowly they moved back up and stood there in shock. There on the ground, trapped by a bola, was the dragon they have been looking for!

**Amazed by their sudden twist of luck, the twins cautiously moved towards the dragon. It looks as though the dragon was dead! **

"Wait, Toothless is dead?!" Tuffnut asked in disbelief. No one bothered trying to correct him.

Hiccup was the first to speak "Oh, wow. We did it. Oh, we did it! Do you see this sis? This fixes everything!" Confidently, Hiccup put on of his foot on the dragon."Yes! We have brought down this mighty beast!"

**Suddenly, the dragon stirred opening his eyes and letting the twins know that he was still alive. This took Hiccup by surprised as he stumbled backwards. **

"Oh." Tuffnut said.

"**Be careful Hiccup!" Hicca warned.**

Hiccup now had a determined look in his eyes as he brought out his dagger "Are you sure you don't want to do this Hicca. This opportunity may never come again." He offered.

Hicca considered this for a second. In Berk, killing a dragon is everything. It is one thing to become the youngest Viking to kill a dragon, but to become youngest Viking to kill the most feared and deadly dragon in the archipelago was a whole new level. They would no longer be known as the outcasts of Berk. Their father would finally look at them with pride and the village would look at them with deep respect. This could even help her with her chances to become a healer. But one look at that dragon Hicca knew she would not be able to kill him, even though dragons were their enemies. This was not who she was and she knew it.

"**No. You came up with the design for the Mangler, you launched that bola and you want this more than I do. You kill him." She said.**

"She really didn't want to be a dragon slayer, did she?" Fishlegs asked.

"No. She wants to save lives, not take them away." Raeda answered.

**Hiccup, knowing he couldn't convince her to do this and also knowing her status would stay the same, possibly worse, if she didn't kill the dragon, made a suggestion "How about I stab him twice and then we can tell everyone that we both killed him at the same time." **

**Thinking about that suggestion, Hicca nodded her head "Ok" **

**Hiccup then prepared himself for the turning point of his life. "I'm going to kill you, dragon. I'm gonna cut out your heart and take it to my father. I'm a Viking. I am a VIKING!" He raised his dagger high into the air. **

Seeing Hiccup like that made everyone feel uneasy. This side of him that he was trying to bring out wasn't the real Hiccup they knew and come to love and they were glad of that. They were also curious about what made Hiccup _not_ kill Toothless.

However at the last moment he looked into the dragons' eyes right before they were closed. Hiccup suddenly realized that, like his sister, he was unable to kill this dragon.

"**I did this." He muttered making a new decision. He then turned to his sister. "Go hide behind that boulder." He instructed her. She was confused about this and the fact that Hiccup seemed hesitant to kill the dragon "Why." She asked.**

"**Because I'm about to do something very stupid and I would feel better if you were behind that boulder, now go!" He ordered. Hicca was about to argue with him but one look in his eyes was enough to tell her not to. So instead, she quietly went behind the rock.**

"What's he going to do?" Ruffnut asked.

"Whatever it is, it's something dangerous and stupid and I am all for that!" Tuffnut said excitedly.

Taking a deep breath, Hiccup started to cut the rope, much to his sisters' shock "Hiccup! What do you think you're doing?!" She asked now fearing for his life and his sanity.

**Hiccup ignored her and continued cutting the ropes. As soon as he cut the last rope, the Night Fury sprang at him, pinning him to the ground! The situation was suddenly reversed and Hiccup was now at the mercy of the dragon! "HICCUP!" Hicca yelled as she ran to help him. However, she was stopped when a plasma blast was fired near here feet! Turning to the source, Hicca found another Night Fury with its

pupils in slits, daring the human to take another step. **

Everyone gasped in shock and fright. They knew that this happened in the past and that both the twins were alright, but they still couldn't help but worry from watching this scene. Stoick was holding his breath. The dragons were curious as to what made the two most dangerous dragons not kill the two tiny humans.

This left Hicca at a standstill as she could do nothing now but watch as the other Night Fury kill her brother right in front of her! But that moment never came as the dragon just roared in Hiccups' face and then left, with the other Night Fury following.

After seeing the two Night Furies, everyone relaxed and Stoick let out the breath he was holding.

Hicca, immediately recovering from her shock went to help her brother up. "Hiccup! Are you okay? ****Physically, not mentally." ****She asked as she helped him up, adding the last sentence to avoid a sarcastic response. "Y-Yeah I-I'm alright. I think." He stuttered, still shaken up by what nearly happened. "Come on. Let's head back."

As the two walked back to the village, Hicca decided to ask her brother the question that has been plaguing her mind "Why didn't you kill that dragon Hiccup? Why did you cut him free?"

**Hiccup, who now recovered from his shock, turned to her and tried to answer her question "I don't know. I just couldn't." **

"That's what he said to me when I asked him." Astrid commented. She was now curious to see how his twin reacted to that.

**That did not fool Hicca. "No. You do know why. You're just scared to admit it. Come on! It's me you're talking to." **

Realizing his sister is right; Hiccup then answered "Let's just say I can see now why you do not want to kill dragons. Can we leave it at that? Please?" He begged her.

Hicca nodded her head understandingly. "As far as the village knows, the Night Fury cut through the bola with his teeth and escaped. Not that we need a cover story though. No one believes that we captured a Night Fury in the first place." She stated.

"Wrong!" Raeda said, remembering her conversation with them at the forge.

"What do you mean?" Snotlout asked.

"You'll see." The raven-haired girl answered.

** "****Thank you." Hiccup said to her gratefully.**

**Finally arrived back at the village, no one seemed to notice or care about their disappearance, something they were thankful for at the moment. Reaching their house they slowly and quietly went inside and rushed into their joint bedroom, until they were stopped by their Dad, who was sitting next to the fire "Hiccup? Hicca?" He called out. **

"Busted!" Snotlout said and the Thorston twins snickered.

**The twins looked at each other nervously as they walked down. They knew that after today they have to their father about them killing dragons. Hiccup was the first to speak up "Dad. Uh... We have to talk to you, Dad." **

"**I also need to speak with both of you."Stoick replied.**

Taking a deep breath all three of them spoke simultaneously.

"**We've decided we don't want to fight dragons/ I think it's time you two learn to fight dragons." They took a pause trying to get what the other said "What?" Father and children asked.**

Everyone laughed at that.

"**You go first."Stoick offered**

"**No, no, ****_you_**** go first." Hiccup said. Hicca nodded in agreement.**

"**Alright. You two get your wish; Dragon training. Both of you start in the morning." Stoick announced. This caused the twins to panic. After today, there was no way either of them could go through with this training!**

"Wow! Those two _do_ have the worst luck." Snotlout said.

Hiccup tried to come up with an excuse "Oh, man, we should've gone first! Uh, 'cause we were thinking, you know, this village has a surplus of dragon-fighting Vikings, but is there enough... bread-making Vikings, or small home repair Vikings-?"

"'Bread-making Vikings', 'home repair Vikings'?!" Gobber asked incredulously at the screen. "You two work at the forge!"

"**Or healers-"Hicca tried Stoick, however, was not listening and instead, handed each of them an axe. "You're going to need these."**

"At least Hicca came up with a better cover." Raeda said.

Stoick face-palmed as he watched this familiar scene. Hicca was trying to tell him about being a healer and he ignored that. What else did he miss?

Hiccup decided to be blunt "We don't want to fight dragons." He said nervously.

This caused Stoick to chuckle "Come on. Yes, you do."

That answered the chiefs' question.

"**You really don't get what we're saying." "Rephrase. Dad, we ****_can't_**** kill dragons."**

"**But you ****_will_**** kill dragons."**

"**No, I'm really very extra sure that I won't." "I know for a fact that I won't"**

"**It's time, Hiccup and Hicca."**

"**Can you not hear us?!" "We're trying to tell you-"**

"**This is serious, you two! When you carry this axe, you carry all of us with you. This means you two walk like us. You talk like us. You think like us. No more of... this." He said with both his hands out in front.**

"**You just gestured to all of us." Hiccup said exasperatedly. Looks like this is going to be a new trend.**

"**Deal?" Stoick asked.**

"**This conversation is feeling very one-sided..." Hiccup tried to argue.**

"**DEAL?!" Stoick pressed.**

Hiccup sighed and reluctantly agreed. "Deal." He muttered.

"**Good" satisfied Stoick then turned to his daughter to give one more try in talking to her dad. "Dad this is not something I genuinely want to-"**

"**Do we have a deal or not?!" her dad asked interrupting her. Realizing that he is not going to listen to her again, Hicca just gave up and nodded her head.**

Gobber sighed as he witness one of the many one-sided conversations between the chief and his children again. 'Hopefully now will be better.'

Watching this scene made Stoick more determined to follow his resolution to listen to his children.

"**Good. Train hard both of you. I'll be back. Probably." Stoick said as he left.**

"**And we'll be here. Maybe." Hiccup muttered. It was clear that the twins were not excited about tomorrow.**

5. The Forge

A/N: FYI: this chapter is going to be an alternate scene at the forge before the first dragon training. It was inspired by a deleted scene. I had to keep pausing and playing the scene to get the lines because I couldn't find any transcript for it. Anyways enjoy and please read and review!

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Chapter 5: The Forge

**The next day, the Haddock twins were working with Gobber in the forge. **

All the villagers leaned in, wanting to see how the Haddock twins worked with the blacksmith on a regular basis.

"**Be sure to take a weapon for Dragon Training." Gobber reminded them.**

"**Like that will help us at all." Hicca muttered.**

Everyone couldn't help but agree to that.

"**So, you've heard about us joining Dragon Training?" Hiccup asked.**

"**Heard? I was the one who came up with it." Gobber said casually. He didn't notice that both of his apprentice faces fell. They stopped what they were doing and looked at their mentor.**

"**You were the one who wanted us to go to Dragon Training." Hicca asked.**

"**Yep!"**

"**And what did dad say when you told him that?" Hiccup asked.**

"**Oh he was a bit reluctant of the idea until I convinced him to let you two join." Gobber replied.**

"Why do I have a feeling that it wasn't the right thing to say?" Gobber asked.

"Because it wasn't." Raeda answered.

"**Of course he was reluctant. Everyone would be reluctant to let the two scrawny teens, who can't use any weapon besides a dagger, to fight against dragons." Hiccup said.**

Again the guilt set in for all those who treated those two like Outcasts, especially Stoick.

"**It's not like that." Gobber said, trying to cheer them up. "You see, there's the ****_Viking way _****and there's ****_your way_****." He said, gesturing to the auburn-haired twins. "And your way...well makes grown men feel...really uncomfortable."**

"That's a nice way to say it Gobber." Astrid said sarcastically to the blacksmith, who looked sheepish.

"And FYI; that's not true." Raeda said.

"**Thanks Gobber, we really needed to hear that." Hicca said sarcastically.**

"**Yeah, speaking of uncomfortable, you mind changing the subject?" Hiccup asked.**

"**Fine then, how're things going for your love lives." Gobber asked.**

"Ooooooooohhh!" The Thorston twins said in unison. Everyone shushed them, not wanting to miss this conversation.

**Hicca raised her eyebrows at that "And that's a better conversation because...?" **

"**Come on, Hicca! There's gotta be some guy here who has caught your eyes." Gobber asked.**

Stoicks' over-protective father mode turned on at the mention that his baby daughter might have a love interest.

"**Sorry to disappoint you, Gobber, but there isn't." Hicca said. Gobber looked at Hiccup for confirmation and the boy nodded his head.**

The teens, except for Raeda, slump their shoulders in disappointed. They could have teased Hicca for this.

"**Alright, then. What about you Hiccup?" Gobber asked turning to the boy.**

Stoick couldn't help but feel jealous of this casual conversation. He couldn't remember the last time he had a normal talk with either of his children without involving a lecture or a one-sided conversation.

"**What makes you think I have any chance at that?" Hiccup asked, raising his eyebrows.**

"**Well, you are good friends with Raeda, aren't you?" Gobber pointed out.**

Everyone turned to Raeda. "We are not like that!" She said to them.

"**I already told you, Gobber. I love Raeda the same way I love Hicca, like a ****_sister_****." Hiccup said without hesitation**

"See? And I love him the same way, like a _brother_." Raeda said.

"**That's true. Raeda's like our older sister." Hicca stated.**

Raeda smiled at that.

"**Besides, Hiccup already has a crush on Astrid." **

Astrid immediately blushed while Ruffnut grinned. She was definitely going to have fun tormenting the Hofferson girl with this. Snotlout frowned, not liking the idea that his cousin has a crush on _his _girl.

"**W-what? T-that's not true!" Hiccup stuttered, starting to blush.**

"Yeah, very convincing." Ruffnut said sarcastically.

"**It is. You just don't want to admit it because you don't want to hurt my feelings since Astrid used to be my best friend." Hicca said knowingly.**

Astrid felt guilty, remembering how easily she ditched her best friend. 'At least she's forgiven me know. I just need to get Hiccup to do so as well and then I can move on from the past.'

"**Hicca, I don't-" Hiccup started to say. He stopped when he the look from his sister told him that she was not going to be easily fooled. "Alright fine, I do have a crush on her."**

"Ah, young love." One of the adults called out. Astrid immediately went from feeling guilty back to blushing.

"**Ah, I had a feeling as well. So when are you going to ask her out?" Gobber asked.**

"**Do you realise what we are talking about here? Astrid won't come near me even if she was on fire and I had the only bucket of water in the village." Hiccup said.**

"Besides, she and I are meant to be together." Snotlout said as he tried to put his arm around Astrids' shoulders. Key word: tried. Astrid immediately grabbed his arm and twisted it, causing Snotlout to give out a yelp and fall to the ground. He then went back to his seat.

"**Excuse me." A voice called out. The three of them turned to see Astrid there holding her axe. "Can I get this sharpened?" She asked, holding her axe.**

Everyone laughed at the irony of the situation.

"So you heard the whole conversation?" Raeda asked, turning to Astrid.

"Actually, I just arrived there. I didn't really hear what they were talking about." Astrid admitted.

"**H-hey Astrid, hi Astrid, hey." Hiccup stuttered clearly nervous. Hicca rolled her eyes at her brother. Astrid threw axe at the stump near Hiccup.**

"How smooth." Tuffnut mocked, referring to Hiccup, while the others laughed. Astrid blushed. 'He looks so cute when he's nervous.'

"**Hey." Astrid greeted. She then turned to Hicca. "Hicca." She greeted.**

"**Astrid." Hicca greeted back.**

Astrid turned back to Gobber. "Anyways my axe?"

Gobber saw this as an opportunity. "Uh, right. My ****_manly _**apprentice will service all your need." He said as he shoved Hiccup forward. "I just remembered that...I have a few things I need to uh... So I'll just..." **

"**Just go Gobber, just go." Hicca muttered to her mentor after watching his failed attempts at being subtle.**

He hurriedly left the forge, stumbling on a few things on his way out.

"'Manly?'" Snotlout snorted.

"Trying to play match-maker, eh Gobber?" Stoick asked the blonde man. Gobber just shrugged.

"**And he says ****_we're_**** bad at being subtle." Hicca muttered.**

"Hicca's right, you're worse than them." Raeda said to Gobber.

**Hiccup realised what his mentor was trying to do and ignored it. Astrid took her axe out of the stump and reluctantly gave it to Hiccup to sharpen, while Hicca went to do her own thing at the side. **

"**Okay, razor sharp battle axe coming right up." Hiccup said as he struggled to carry the heavy axe.**

"**Careful! That's my mothers'." Astrid said before she decided to look around.**

"**So we saw you guys on fire patrol last night. Looked like a good time." Hiccup said.**

"Of course it was 'cause we were awesome!" Snotlout boasted.

"Yeah!" Ruffnut and Tuffnut said.

Astrid and Raeda just rolled their eyes.

"**Yeah, I didn't get burn though, so it wasn't that much fun." Astrid said picking up one of the swords in the forge.**

"Of course, nothings' more fun than feeling the burning pain." Raeda said sarcastically.

Ruffnut and Tuffnut didn't seem to pick up on the sarcasm.

"I know, right?"

"It's so awesome!"

"**Yeah, no kidding right? Nothing better than getting a scar or even a missing limb." Hiccup said unenthusiastically, while sharpening the axe.**

Everyone was saddened as they were suddenly reminded of Hiccups' current situation. Astrid remembered how much she wanted a scar to show off how brave of a shield maiden she is. But after she saw Hiccup lose his leg, she realised that it was insane to want them as it only served as a reminder of the pain endured.

"**Hicca and I would have been out there, but we were out downing a Night Fury, right sis?"**

Hicca nodded her head.

"I never thought I would hear anyone say _that_ so casually." Gobber commented and the adult Vikings nodded in agreement.

"**Really?" Astrid asked, doubtfully. "Well where is it?"**

The Haddock twins shared a nervous glance before Hicca answered. "Uh, it got away."

"**But it won't be back anytime soon, believe me." Hiccup said. **

Astrid noticed that Raeda was trying, and failing miserably, to keep from laughing. "What's so funny?" She asked the Henderson girl.

"You'll see." Raeda answered.

"**Yeah you know this apprentice thing is just our sort of 'on the side', we're mostly here to bulk up, lift some iron and stuff, become one with the steel-" He didn't get to finish that sentence because he accidently nicked off part of Astrids' axe!**

"WHAT!" Astrid yelled in outrage.

"How is that guy still alive?" Snotlout asked.

"This is going to be awesome!" Tuffnut said excitedly.

"I think I'll be having a talk with Hiccup when he comes out of the coma." Gobber said.

Astrid didn't noticed because her back was towards him as she continued to look around, but Hicca certainly noticed. Her eyes were wide with panic as she walked to her brother, silently scolding him. She mouthed something like 'one with the steel' and hit him in the back of his head. Luckily for both of them, Astrid still didn't noticed them.

"**Stall her!" Hiccup mouthed to his sister, who nodded.**

Both the twins noticed that Astrid was heading to their room in the forge.

"**N-no you're not actually suppose to-"**

"**Oh come on, bro. If she wants to look then let her." Hicca said, walking towards Astrid while silently signalling her brother to

hurry up.**

"How in the world did I miss this?!" Astrid asked incredulously.

"That's what happens when you don't pay attention to them, you miss out on so much." Raeda replied.

Astrid pulled open the curtains, revealing a room full of designs for weapons.

Everyone, except for Raeda, was in awe of the numerous inventions scattered around the room. How long did it take those two to come up with so many ideas?

"**What is all this?" Astrid asked looking around the room.**

"**Uh, those? Nothing, just some stuff Hicca and I are working on." Hiccup said while getting a spare axe blade. "Just some confidential upper level development."**

"**Basically inventions that Hiccup and I came up with for the village." Hicca said, from behind Astrid. She watched as her brother carried the spare blade, hoping that he would finish in time.**

The villagers started feeling a little guilty. All of those inventions were made for their benefit? Maybe they should take another look at those inventions.

Stoick was shocked by this. He knew that his children were always coming up with new ideas but he didn't know that it was to _this_ extent.

Astrid picked up one of the designs. "The Mutilator." She read.

"That sounds so cool!" Ruffnut said and her twin nodded in agreement.

"**Yeah, when I heard Hiccup come up with that name I honestly thought it was some kind of face-scarring torture device. He comes up with really weird names." Hicca said.**

"**Said the girl who named a bola launcher 'The Mangler'." Hiccup retorted.**

"Wait, so it's not a face-scarring torture device?" Tuffnut asked disappointedly.

"**Anyways the Mutilator uses twin-weighted counter levers to launch criss-crossing blades in four different directions." Hiccup explained while placing the spare blade in the wedge. **(A/N: I'm not really sure what it's actually called.)

"I don't know what that means, but it still sounds like fun." Ruffnut said excitedly.

"Yeah, and we can use it 'cause we're twins!" Tuffnut said.

Everyone sighed at the Thorston twins. They really were at the opposite spectrum of the Haddock twins.

"**How do you hold it?" Astrid asked.**

"**Well you don't, you shoot it." Hicca answered while signalling her brother to hurry up. Hiccup was nearly done screwing the handle onto the new blade.**

"Sneaky twins." Astrid muttered. If only she turned around and looked at Hiccup.

"**Oh well." Astrid said, putting the design down. "I'm more of an old-fashioned take it down with an axe and then chop its' head of kind of girl. It's kind of the Viking way right?"**

"Of course it is. It is the best way there is." Snotlout said, scooting closer to Astrid. Astrid punched him in the gut and knocked him to the ground again.

"**Go Vikings." Hiccup said.**

Astrid was about to leave the room when Hicca stepped in front of her. "What that's all? Don't you want to see some more designs?"

"**No." Astrid replied as she tried to pass. Annoyed she shoved Hicca out of the way and came to see Hiccup sharpening her axe.**

"Lucky guy." Snotlout grumbled as he got back to his seat.

"**I can't wait for Dragon Training. It's going to be so much fun." Astrid said excitedly.**

"**Yeah, I bet it will be." Hiccup said while sharpening the axe. This time he was being way more careful. At last he finished.**

"**Astrid." Snotlout called from outside the forge where he, Fishlegs, Ruffnut and Tuffnut were. "Are you coming to train with us before we go to the Arena or what?"**

Astrid held out her hand for her axe and Hiccup immediately complied.

"**This feels different." Astrid said, testing out her axe.**

"**Oh, I rebalanced it, tighten it up uh...finessed it. We're a full service here." Hiccup lied.**

"Full service." Astrid muttered. "I am going to have a_ long_ talk with Hiccup before Gobber does."

Astrid seemed to have bought it "Thanks" She said before she left to join the others.

"**Oh, I hope I get some scars out of it." Ruffnut said.**

"**Oh I know, like a jagged on right across the cheek." Astrid said.**

"**Yeah, or right through my eye." Snotlout said excitedly.**

"Do you guys seriously want that?" Raeda asked.

"We're starting to rethink that." Astrid answered. The other teens nodded in agreement.

Hiccup shuddered as he heard that. He turned to his sister. "What is so great about getting a scar?"

"**Don't know, bro. But you were seriously close to getting one a second ago." Hicca said. "Honestly you should get an award the most number of death experience escaped."**

"**Hey guys, what's up?" Raeda said as she walked in the forge.**

"**Rae, you just missed it. Hiccup nicked off ****_Astrids' _****axe blade while sharpening it. While Astrid was in the forge!" Hicca said pointing to Astrids' old axe blade on the floor.**

"**And you're still alive?" Raeda asked surprised.**

"**She didn't notice. She was too busy looking around in the forge. All I had to do was replace the blade. No harm done." Hiccup explained.**

**Raeda smiled, amused. "Dude, you should get a medal for escaping the most number of death experience." **

"**Exactly what I said." Hicca said and the two girls high-five.**

The villagers were surprised when they saw Raeda Henderson smiling, even her parents were surprised. It was then that they realised that they never saw Raeda in a relaxed mood like this.

"**Ha ha." Hiccup said sarcastically. "You're not really safe from danger yourself, sis."**

"**True." Hicca admitted. "But like our dad always say..."**

"**We're Vikings, it's an occupational hazard." The twins said.**

"That's true." Gobber chuckled.

"**Speaking of occupational hazard, today's the first day of Dragon Training, are my arrows ready?" Raeda inquired.**

**Hiccup nodded and got her quiver filled with arrows for her. "Here you go. One quiver fully stocked with arrows, all sharp to the point." **

Raeda smiled at him and then took out one of the arrows to inspect it. "These are perfect, right? Every arrow counts." She informed them.

"**Don't worry Rae. We scrutinized each and every arrow. They're all perfect." Hicca assured her.**

"**Speaking of dragon training, guess what? Our dad signed us up for dragon training." Hiccup informed Raeda with little enthusiasm. This new information suddenly caught Raedas' attention away from her arrow.**

Astrid again found herself jealous of the Henderson girl because Hiccup shared the news with Raeda although she was talking about Dragon Training with him first.

"**What?! Really?! You finally manage to convince your dad? Congratulations!" She said happily but then noticed neither of them, especially Hiccup, was excited by this. "What's wrong Hiccup? Isn't this what you've been asking for? You should be happy by this." **

Hiccup and Hicca nervously looked at each other.

"**I-I guess I'm more nervous t-then excited. I actually didn't t-think that our Dad would agree to this." Hiccup stuttered. **

"How come they were lying to you about this?" Fishlegs asked.

"Because they didn't know how I would react. And honestly I don't think I know how I would have reacted." Raeda answered.

Everyone was so surprised at how understanding she was, instead of feeling betrayed.

Raeda seemed to believe it, because then she turned to Hicca "And you..."

"**Honestly, dragon slaying is not who I am anymore than it is who you are." Hicca told her, deciding to give her a half honest answer. Raeda nodded her head in understanding. **

"What does she mean by that, Raeda?" Helga Henderson asked her daughter. Everyone wanted to know that as well

Raeda sighed, knowing that this was coming. "You'll see." She answered.

"**I know it is hard for you, having to do something that's the opposite of what you really want to do. But let's face it; in village where dragon raids happen almost every night, it is important that we learn to at least defend ourselves so we don't get burned to crisp". The twins couldn't help but agree with that point. **

"**Besides you two are fast and light. That gives both of you agility and stealth. You should focus on that more in dragon training and you'll be fine." She advised them.**

"You know, that's actually true. Stealth and agility does come in handy in combat." Fishlegs pointed out.

This made the twins smile a little bit "Thanks Rae." They said in unison

"**No problem. Now let's go. Can't be late on the first day of dragon training." And the trio headed off to the arena.**

6. The Dragon Training

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The trio headed off to the arena. On the way there, Raeda suddenly asked "By the way, did you guys ever found that Night Fury you shot down."

"You believed them?" Astrid asked.

"Yep." Raeda answered.

"How did you know they went looking for the Night Furies?" Gobber asked.

"Because they are too predictable." The Henderson girl said.

The villagers were surprised by this. They wouldn't think of either Hicca or Hiccup as 'predictable', especially after all that has happened.

The sincerity in her question shocked both Hicca and Hiccup "Wait. Do you mean you believe us when we said that?" Hiccup asked her.

"**Of course." She answered honestly. This made Hiccup and Hicca smile again. It was good to know that there was one person in this village who believed them. **

"**And what makes you think we went looking for them?"
**

"**Isn't it obvious?" Raeda asked knowing those two well enough to predict their antics. "So did you find it?"**

Although they felt guilty about it, they decided to stick with Hiccas' cover story.

"**No we didn't find him." Hiccup answered**

"**We did find our bola which was cut up. It looked like the Night Fury, or another dragon, cut through the bola with its teeth and escaped." Hicca added.**

"**That's too bad. That would've instantly made you two legends." Raeda said sympathetically.**

Everyone was amazed at the fact that Hiccup and Hicca were willing to

damage their reputations even more to spare the dragons' life. None of them would have been able to do that if they were in that position.

"**We know." they said. They definitely knew that.**

Soon, they reached the academy and Hiccup and Hicca decided to hang back while Raeda joined the other teens, who didn't notice the Haddock twins there.

"**Welcome to Dragon Training!" Gobber greeted opening the gates for the new recruits.**

"Hey, it us again!" Tuffnut said excitedly as the others shushed him.

Astrid, who was leading the group, had a determined look in eyes "No turning back" she reminded herself.

The teens walked in as they looked around the inside of the arena with awe and thrill.

"**I hope I get some serious burns!" Tuffnut said excitedly.**

"**I'm hoping for some mauling, like on my shoulder or lower back." His twin sister Ruffnut joined in.**

"**I can do without that. Thank you very much." Raeda grimaced.**

"**Come on Rae. It's only fun if you get a scar out of it." Astrid said**

"**No kidding, right? Pain. Love it." "Yeah you know what they say: No pain no gain." Hiccup and Hicca said sarcastically making their presence known to the other teens except Raeda.**

"Those two have quite an entrance." One of the villagers said.

"**Oh, great. Who let ****_them_**** in?" Tuffnut asked annoyed.**

"**Stoick did. So if you have a problem with it, go complain to him." Raeda retorted, making Tuffnut quiet.**

"**Let's get started! The recruit who does best will win the honour of killing his or her first dragon in front of the entire village." Gobber announced.**

"**Hiccup and Hicca already killed a Night Fury, so does that disqualify them or...?" Snotlout mocked causing the Thorston twins to laugh. **

Snotlout and the Thorston twins felt guilty again after seeing the way they were treating the Haddock twins. It wasn't fair to either of them since they were being forced to be there. Astrid and Fishlegs also felt guilty. They didn't insult Hiccup or Hicca but they didn't defend them either while Raeda did every time.

He then added "Can I transfer to the class with the ****_cool_** Vikings?"**

"**You can't Snotlout. You'll feel out of place in that class." Raeda replied, smirking at his scowl.**

The guilt went away as the teens, except for Snotlout, laughed at the Henderson girls' comeback. Ruffnut gave Raeda a high-five while Snotlout huffed, muttering under his breath.

Wanting to avoid an argument, Gobber had all of them line up while whispering to Hicca and Hiccup "Don't worry. You're both small and weak. That'll make you two less of a target! They'll see you two as sick or insane and go after the more Viking-like teens instead." Once again Gobbers' attempt to console the Haddock twins did little to achieve its goal.

"It's official Gobber." Stoick declared. "You give the worst pep-talks ever."

"At least I gave them a better one before we came." Raeda said. The chief gave her a thankful look before turning his gaze back at the screen.

He then continued with the lesson while Fishlegs, a zealous dragon analyzer, enthusiastically gave stats for each dragon.

"**Behind these doors are just a few of the many species you will learn to fight! The Deadly Nadder!"**

"**Speed: eight; Armour: sixteen."**

The Nadders raised their heads proudly. Armour sixteen is a good thing, right?

"**The Hideous Zippleback!"**

"**Plus eleven stealth times two."**

The Zipplebacks head-butted each other. Twice anything is always good.

"**The Monstrous Nightmare!"**

"**Firepower: fifteen."**

The Monstrous Nightmares fired up, much to the poor Jorgenson boys' dismay as he had to find another trough full of water.

"**The Terrible Terror!"**

"**Attack: eight; Venom: twelve!"**

"How can small dragons have that much venom." Raeda asked Fishlegs. The Ingerman boy shrugged, only knowing how much venom a Terrible Terror has.

"**CAN YOU STOP THAT?!" Gobber yelled, getting annoyed at

Fishlegs. Taking a deep breath he continued his explanation "And... the Gronckle!"**

Fishlegs, unable to resist the temptation, whispered to Hiccup and Hicca "Jaw strength: eight." Causing the two to look at him confused.

The Gronckles wagged their tails happily.

"**Whoa, whoa, wait! Aren't you gonna teach us first?!" Snotlout ask, starting to panic as he notice that the blacksmith/teacher was about to open one of the dragon cages.**

Gobber gave a mischievous smirk and simply replied "I believe in learning on the job." With that he opens the cage, unleashing an angry Gronckle at the teens, causing them to scurry out of the raging dragons' path.

The parents leaned in, eager to see how their children did in dragon training.

"**Today is about survival. If you get blasted... you're dead! Quick! What's the first thing you're going to need?"**

"**A doctor?" Hiccup suggested.**

"We already have Hicca." Astrid commented.

"**Plus five speed?" Fishlegs tried.**

"What does that even mean?" Snotlout asked.

However, it was Astrid and Raeda who got the right answer "A shield!" they both yelled at the same time.

Astrid and Raedas' parents beamed in pride.

"**Shields! Go! Your most important piece of equipment is your shield! If you must make a choice between a sword and a shield, take the shield!" Gobber informed them**

**Everyone made a mad dash for the shields. Astrid, Raeda, Snotlout and Fishlegs got their shields with no problem but Hiccup and Hicca struggled to get a grip on their shields until Gobber helped them and Ruffnut and Tuffnut started arguing over a shield. **

The Thorston twins' parents sighed when they saw their children started fighting over the shield. Why couldn't they get along like Hiccup and Hicca?

** "****Get your****hands off my shield!" Tuffnut shouted.**

"**There's like a million shields!" Ruffnut retorted**

"**Take that one; it has a flower on it. Girls like flowers."**

**Offended by that comment, Ruffnut takes the shield and slams it

onto Tuffnut's head.**

"**Oops, now this one has blood on it."**

"Really you gave the shield back to him? You could have just taken it!" Raeda said to Ruffnut. The female Thorston just shrugged in response.

As they continued arguing, neither of them noticed a certain dragon in front of them until their shield got hit by a lava blast.

"**Tuffnut, Ruffnut, you're out!" Gobber announced**

"**What?" They asked, dazed by the blast.**

** "****Those shields are good for another thing: noise! Make lots of it to throw off a dragon's aim!" Gobber instructed. The remaining recruits followed this advice, causing much confusion to the Gronckle.**

"**All dragons have a limited number of shots. How many does a Gronckle have?" Gobber asked.**

"**Five?" Snotlout guessed while running from the dragon.**

"Six." Fishlegs muttered

"**No, six!" Fishlegs answered confidently.**

"**Correct, six! Last two standing wins!"**

Fishlegs got distracted from Gobbers' question that he didn't notice the Gronckle until his shield got blasted! "Fishlegs, out." Gobber announced, then noticed that his two apprentices were hiding behind a wooden board "Hiccup, Hicca, get in there!"

**Raeda, who did a summersault dive a good distance behind the Gronckle, quietly set her shield down and got her bow and arrow out. She quickly fired the arrow, only for the Gronckle to knock it away by its tail! Target now locked Raeda; the Gronckle prepared a lava blast! Luckily, Raeda managed to get her shield in front of her to protect herself, but the force of the lava blast on her shield caused her to stumble backwards. "Raeda, you're out." **

Both Helga and Thaddeus felt a jolt of fear when they saw their daughter getting blasted by the Gronckle. They sighed in relief when she grabbed the shield in time. At least she was okay.

This leaves Snotlout, Hicca, Hiccup and Astrid.

Snotlout, however, had his mind on something else; flirting with Astrid **"So, anyway I'm moving into my parents' basement. ****You****should come by sometime to work out. You look like you work out." He said to her just as she cart wheeled away from him just before he got blasted "****Snotlout! You're done!" Then there were three.**

Spitelout sighed at his sons' antics. Snotlout could have won if he wasn't so focused on flirting with a girl who clearly didn't like him.

**Astrid then came near Hiccup and Hicca while still focusing on the Gronckle. Hiccup then tried to make a conversation with his former friend "So, I guess it's just you, me and Hicca, huh?" Astrid was not really in the mood for talking so she just replied "Nope. Just you two." She said before diving out of the way just before the dragon fired another lava blast that knocked Hiccups and Hiccas shields out of their hands! **

Guilt and shame shot through Astrid as she saw how she left Hiccup and Hicca like that. 'I could have at least given them a warning.'

"**One shot left!" Gobber shouted, however Hiccup and Hicca weren't listening to him, instead they chased after their shields which were rolling away from them. This caused them to get cornered by the Gronckle. Hiccup, at the last moment, shoved his sister out of danger, leaving him to take the full blast. **

Everyone held their breath as they saw how close Hiccup was to getting burned. Meatlug felt guilty for nearly killing that human. She was now glad that the blonde man interfered.

Luckily for him, Gobber appeared yanking on the dragons' mouth with his hook, redirecting the lava blast to the wall. He then pulled the angry dragon back to its cage "And that's six! Go back to bed, ya overgrown sausage! You'll get another chance, don't you worry" After locking the cage, he turned to the teens "Remember: a dragon will always - ****_always_** - go for the kill."**

"Always Gobber?" Raeda asked.

"Definitely have to change that." The blacksmith said.

Everyone left the arena, except for Hiccup, Hicca and Raeda. Hiccup and Hicca look at each other and new that the other one was thinking about what Gobber just told them. "Are you okay Hiccup?" Raeda asked concern.

The other teens were now wishing they did the same. Hiccup could have died in the Arena if it wasn't for Gobber and they walked away as if nothing happened.

This brought the twins out of their daze "W-what? Oh, yeah. I'm fine. J-just a bit shocked by what nearly happened." He replied with the half-truth.

"**That's good. So now that training's over, do you guys want to hang right now? My parents have left for the dragon raid so I'm making my own training schedule a bit lighter." She offered. Hicca and Hiccup, however, had other plans. "S-sorry Rae. We kind of have some other work we need to get done." Hicca said apologetically. "It's okay then. See you guys later." She then left the Arena, while Hicca and Hiccup snuck into the forest, feeling a bit guilty again, but they couldn't help it. They had to find those Night Furies again. On the way to the forest, the twins had only one thing in mind 'A dragon will****_ always_**** go for the kill.'**

Everyone looked at Raeda, expecting her to be upset that Hiccup and Hicca lied to her and ditched her for those dragons. To their surprise, Raeda seemed more calm and thoughtful.

"The curiosity must have been killing them both." Raeda commented.

Again, they were surprised at how calm and understanding Raeda was acting. They just decided to look back to the screen, figuring that they will get an explanation soon enough.

7. Second Meeting

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Soon they arrived at a familiar place in the forest.

"**So why didn't you?" Hiccup wondered out loud while picking up a piece of the cut up bola.**

Everyone, Vikings and dragons, were wondering the same thing.

The two then walked in the direction where the dragons flew off. They soon arrived at a passage of a secluded cove.

"**Well, this was stupid." Hiccup said realizing that the two dragons were probably far away from the island by now. Hicca was about to agree when something on the ground caught her eyes.**

"**Hiccup look!" She said picking up some black scales. **

Fishlegs was awe-struck "Are those...No way! It can't be! Are they?"

"What? I don't get it, what are they?" Tuffnut asked confused.

"**Night Fury scales. Black as the sky at midnight." Hicca stated admiring the scales.**

"Oh." Tuffnut said.

Everyone was amazed at the fact that the youngest Haddock was actually holding scales belonging to a once mysterious unknown dragon. It is extremely rare.

"**Yeah, hence, the whole 'camouflage at night' part." Hiccup said**

Suddenly, they got the shock of their lives as a Night Fury came into view, making both twins fall backwards.

Startled, everyone jumped backwards.

However, it did not look like the dragon noticed both of them as it fell to the ground. Slowly and quietly Hiccup and Hicca move towards some nearby rocks and observed the two Night Furies, one male the other female, below them. The male Night Fury kept trying to fly out of the cove only to spiral downwards every time and the female Night Fury just sat there watching with a hopeful look on her face. Hicca then got her notebook and charcoal out of her satchel and started making a drawing of the female Night Fury. "I sketch one, you sketch the other." She whispered. Hiccup nodded in agreement.

**When she finished, she then handed the book to Hiccup to draw the male Night Fury. **

"Whoa! I didn't know they could draw like that." Snotlout said, impressed by their work. He wasn't the only one as everyone in the Great Hall, except for Gobber and Raeda, were admiring the drawings. The dragons were intrigued by the sketches, wondering what they were. Raeda was tempted to talk about their artwork, but kept quiet because she didn't want to accidently reveal her secret talent.

As he finished his drawing, he noticed that the male Night Fury did not have a left tail fin so he erased it in his sketch.

"**Why don't you just... fly away?" He wondered. Then Hicca noticed something.**

"**The female Night Fury has a left tail fin but the male Night Fury doesn't." She pointed out, and then a realization hit her as she suddenly felt guilty. "We did that. His tail fin must have torn when he crashed landed after we shot him down. That's why he can't fly away." This made Hiccup feel guilty as well. "Yeah and the female Night Fury is still here because she doesn't want to leave him behind." He added just before he accidently dropped his charcoal pencil, which fell right in the Cove, alerting the two night furies of the two humans' presence!**

Everyone held their breath, wondering what's going to happen now. Was this the moment where the Haddock twins bonded with the two Night Furies?

**Hicca silently scolded Hiccup, hitting him on the shoulder before she and her brother turned to look at the Night Furies who were now staring back. For a moment no one said or did anything as both sides stared at each other with more curiosity rather than hostility.
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"Why can't someone do something? The suspense is killing me." Fishlegs said, only to get shushed.

**Then Hiccup broke the standstill. "Come on. We've pushed our luck enough for one day. Let's go" he said as he got up and then pulled his sister up. **

One glance back to the dragons, who were still staring at them with curiosity, the twins made their way back to village just as it started to rain. Completely drenched, they then made their way to the Great Hall for dinner where they joined Gobber and the other teens, who were discussing the training.

"**Alright. Where did Astrid go wrong in the ring today?" Gobber

asked.**

"Oh, great." Raeda muttered.

Astrid answered that question herself "I mistimed my summersault dive. It was sloppy. It threw off my reverse tumble."

Ruffnut, Tuffnut and Raeda rolled their eyes at that. Leave it to Astrid to be concerned about something like _that_.

"**Yeah, we noticed." Ruffnut said sarcastically**

"**No, no, you were great. That was so 'Astrid'." Snotlout said, obviously trying and failing to flirt with Astrid.**

"**She's right; you have to be tough on yourselves. Where did Hiccup and Hicca go wrong?" Gobber then asked noticing the Haddock twins arriving. **

"Really, Gobber? Why would you put them through that?" Raeda asked the blacksmith. Gobber looked sheepish and Stoick was confused. What did she mean by that?

This question set off the usual taunts as Hicca and Hiccup had to sit at a nearby table when the others didn't give them room to sit next to him.

"**Uh, they showed up?" Ruffnut sneered.**

"**They didn't get eaten" Tuffnut suggested.**

"**They're never where they should be." Astrid said annoyed.**

The said teens winced at their comments. Stoick was surprised by that. He knew that his children weren't very popular in Berk, but were they really treated like this?

**Before Gobber could say anything, Hicca, hurt and frustrated at Astrids' comment, spoke up. "Uh, Gobber? Back to where Astrid went wrong, I'd like to add another thing. Astrid left us to fend for ourselves against the Gronckle instead of giving us a warning. Hiccup nearly got killed back there if you didn't intervene. It should be noted that Astrid has a tendency to abandon people whenever she wants to and it makes her completely unreliable." This caused Astrid to glare daggers at her, which she returned, while Hiccup looked at his sister with awe and admiration and Raeda, who got up from her seat to join the Haddock twins, gave her a thumbs-up as she sat down. The others just stared at Hicca with shock, not expecting that at all. **

Astrid looked down, knowing that Hicca was right and that she got mad at the auburn-haired girl for no good reason. The others were shocked and impressed when Hicca spoke up like that. None of them, not even Raeda, have ever heard her call anyone out like that before.

**Wanting to avoid another potential argument, Gobber then spoke up bringing a book with him. "Uh, thank you Hicca. Like I was saying you need to live and breathe this stuff. The Dragon Manual. Everything we

know about every dragon we know of."**

As he set a thick book on the table, he was then interrupted by the sound of thunder. Realizing that it was still raining, he then announced before leaving "No attacks tonight. Study up."

This surprised and disappointed the Thorston twins and Snotlout.

"**Wait, you mean, ****_read?_****" Tuffnut asked in disbelief**

"**While we're still alive?" Ruffnut asked in equal disbelief **

"**Why read words when you can just kill the stuff the words tell you stuff about?" Snotlout asked, not to happy about the idea of studying.**

The Thorston twins' parents and Spitelout gave frustrated sighs.

"**This is important. You need to know your enemies weaknesses so that you can make a plan based on that. Otherwise you're fighting blindly." Raeda argued.**

All the adult warriors nodded in agreement.

"**Oh! I've read it like, seven times. There's this water dragon that sprays boiling water at your face. And-And there's this other one that buries itself for like a week-" Fishlegs started to explain excitedly before being cut off by Tuffnut.**

"**Yeah, that sounds great. See, there was a chance I was going to read that..."**

"**...But, now..." Ruffnut added, bored by this.**

"**You guys read, I'll go kill stuff." Snotlout boasted before he left with Ruffnut, Tuffnut and Fishlegs in tow, leaving Astrid, Raeda, Hiccup and Hicca.**

"**So I guess we'll share?" Hiccup started to offer before Astrid dismissed him.**

Astrid wanted to kick herself for acting like that.

"**Read it" she simply said.**

"**Of course you did, Miss 'Perfect-star-pupil." Raeda taunted. Astrid turned around, looking like she wanted to attack the Henderson girl but she decided not to. She turned around and left, slamming the door behind her.**

Raeda then turned to Hicca and Hiccup "Nice job, standing up to Astrid, Hicca. Hiccup you can definitely learn something from your sister." Hiccup just smiled, proud of his sister for standing up for herself while silently agreeing with what Raeda said.

"**Thanks Rae. So I guess the three of us will share?" Hicca asked**

"**Oh, I've already read it. Actually I was thinking of doing some training right now. Training with this thunderstorm might help me be more alert for tomorrow." Raeda said.**

"**Be careful out there. And if you're free tomorrow, then maybe the three of us can hang out at the forge or something." Hiccup said, wanting to make up for ditching his only friend. Hicca nodded in agreement with the same thoughts.**

"**Yeah, that sounds good." Raeda agreed and then left.**

Afterwards, when everyone else left, Hiccup and Hicca brought lighted candles and then opened the dragon manual to start their study night.

"Oh great. Now we have to sit and watch them read the book." Tuffnut complained. Ruffnut and Snotlout agreed with him.****

They decided to take turns reading each chapter. Hiccup then started reading "Dragon classifications. Strike Class, Fear Class, Mystery Class. Thunderdrum: This reclusive dragon inhabits sea caves and dark tide pools. When startled, the Thunderdrum produces a concussive sound that can kill a man at close range. Extremely dangerous, kill on sight." He then let Hicca read.

"**Timberjack: This gigantic creature has razor sharp wings that can slice through full grown trees. Extremely dangerous, kill on sight."**

"**Scauldron: Sprays scalding water at its victim. Extremely dangerous."**

"**Changewing: Even newly hatched dragons can spray acid. Kill on sight. Is there chapter here that doesn't have 'kill on sight' written on it." Hicca wondered while Hiccup continued to read.**

The dragons snorted. These Vikings really didn't know anything about them, other than to 'kill on sight'.

"We're going to have to remake the entire book." Gobber commented.

Fishlegs became excited, thinking of all the new information Hicca and Hiccup could add in the book. He's definitely going to be the first to read the new book.

"**Gronckle, Zippleback, the Skrill, Boneknapper, Whispering Death. Burns its victims, buries its victims, chokes its victims-"**

"**Turns its victims inside-out!?" This made both of them shudder. They made a mental note never to cross path with that dragon! **

"Awesome!" Ruffnut and Tuffnut said.

"Don't know how that dragon does that, don't want to know." Raeda muttered.

Hiccup then continued.

"**Extremely dangerous, extremely dangerous, kill on sight, kill on sight, kill on sight..." Then an almost blank chapter made him stop and stare along with his sister. "Night Fury: Speed, unknown. Size, unknown"**

Hicca then took over reading "The unholy offspring of lightning and death itself. Never engage this dragon. Your only chance, hide and pray it does not find you."

"I bet you the first chapter they are going to work on is the Night Fury chapter." Astrid said.

This made the two stare at each other in shock, before Hiccup pulled out his journal, turned to the page which had the drawing of the female Night Fury, and set it on top of the Night Fury chapter which had no drawings of its own.

"**We're going to be seeing a lot more of those Night Furies aren't we?" Hicca asked, knowing the answer. Hiccup only nodded in reply.**

8. The Nadder Incident And The Artist

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Chapter 8: The Nadder Incident And The Artist

**Elsewhere, far away from Berk was a fleet of ships locked in a search for the Dragons' Nest and on the leading ship of the search was Stoick the Vast who eyes were filled with determination. **

The warriors sighed as they remembered the failed voyage to the Nest. At least they won't have to do that anymore.

"**I can almost smell them. They're close. Steady." He said in a low voice as the ships started to move inside a fog. **

All the dragons raised their heads with curiosity. A human can actually _smell_ them? What do they smell like to him?

"**Take us in." He commanded. However a few seconds after they moved in the fog, screams and shouts were heard as the dragons found them!**

The villagers winced as they imagined what might have happened in the fog.

Meanwhile, the next day back at Berk, Hiccup and Hicca decided to find out what they can about Night Furies, hang out with Raeda for a few hours and then head to the Cove. However, they soon found out that asking Gobber a few questions during training would be easier said than done!

"**You know, Hicca and I just happened to notice the book had nothing on Night Furies. Is there another book? Or a sequel? Maybe a little Night Fury pamphlet?" Hiccup asked Gobber who was on a perch above the arena**

"Now I know why they kept asking questions about Night Furies." Gobber said.

Astrid stared at the floor as she remembered _exactly_ how that training went.

"**Or maybe someone we could talk to-" Hicca tried right before she and her brother got their axes blasted. **

"**Focus, you two! You're not even trying!" Gobber shouted.**

For today's training the entire arena was set up as maze and the goal for the eight teens was to navigate through the maze. To add to this, they also had to dodge two Deadly Nadders, one blue and one purple, who not only fired flames but also spikes from their tails!

"**Today is all about ATTACK! Nadders are quick and light on their feet! Your job is to be quicker and lighter!"**

"**AAAAAH! I'm ****_really_**** beginning to question your teaching methods!" Fishlegs yelled as he narrowly avoided Nadder spikes**

"So am I." Stoick said as the other parents nodded in agreement.

Gobber ignored that and continued "Look for its blind spot. Every dragon has one. Find it, hide in it, and strike!"

Ruffnut and Tuffnut tried to follow that advice when they came face to face with the blue Nadder. Unfortunately that was not working well for Ruffnut.

"**Ugh! Do you ****_ever_**** bathe?"**

"**If you don't like it, then just get your own blind spot!" Tuffnut said, shoving his sister.**

"**How about I give ****_you_**** one?!" **

Everyone, except for Ruffnut and Tuffnut, sighed. Here we go again.

Stormfly snorted. She definitely remembered the bickering duo.

However their argument was cut off as the Nadder, who now knew they were there shot deadly spikes at them! They ran away, just managing to avoid the spikes.

"**Blind spot, yes. Deaf spot? Not so much." Gobber said in a bored tone.**

Hicca decided to give another shot in asking for Night Furies. "So, is there another book we could get on Night Furies? Or maybe we could ask Trader Johann when he comes on next visit." Distracted, Hicca didn't realize two things. One, she got separated from her brother and two; the purple Deadly Nadder has spotted her and was getting ready to fire! Luckily Raeda, who was nearby, saw this and managed to save Hicca from being burnt to death!

Stoick let out a breath he was holding. How many times were his children going to give him a heart attack?

"**Why are you two suddenly asking about Night Furies in the middle of training?" Raeda asked, more curious than annoyed, as the both of them ran away to avoid the Nadder.**

"**We were just wondering the Dragon Manual had nothing about them." Hicca replied half-honestly.**

Hiccup, meanwhile, also decided to try the same thing his sister did "Hey, so how would one sneak up on a Night Fury?" He asked Gobber.

"Unbelievable." Stoick muttered. Hicca and Hiccup were being chased by two Deadly Nadders and all either of them could think of was their dragons.

Gobber, annoyed at him and his sister for not focusing, decided to be brief "No one's ever met one and lived to tell the tale. NOW, GET IN THERE!"

"No one, Gobber?" Astrid asked looking at the blacksmith.

"I bet both of them were laughing on the inside." Gobber grumbled.

But that did not deter the stubborn Haddock boy "I know, I know, but hypothetically-" He started to ask before being cut off by Astrid as she and Snotlout were crouched down beside a maze wall with the blue Deadly Nadder inches away. "Get down!" she whispered at Hiccup. Deciding to save the questions for later, Hiccup crouched down behind Snotlout as Astrid looked ahead waiting for the right opportunity.

On the side opposite to the three teens, Hicca and Raeda came up. Raeda, who saw Astrid and realized what she was going to, silently signalled Hicca to get back, leaving space for the other three.

**As the blue Nadder had its' back turned, oblivious to the teens behind it, Astrid and Snotlout managed to tuck and roll safely to where Hicca and Raeda were. Hiccup, however wasn't as lucky as the weight of the shield held him back, alerting the Nadder of his presence! **

"I don't know whose luck is worse, Hiccas' or Hiccups'." Astrid said.

**The Nadder then went after him and came across Raeda, Snotlout and Astrid. Raeda, seeing her opportunity, got her bow and arrow ready. However, Snotlout, hoping to impress Astrid, shoved Raeda out of the

way. **

"**Watch out, Rae. I'll take care of this." With that, he threw his hammer which hit the maze wall instead, amusing the blue Nadder and earning glares from Raeda and Astrid.**

Spitelout face-palmed at that.

"Ha, ha. Even Stormfly was laughing at you." Tuffnut said to Snotlout.

"She's even laughing right now." Ruffnut said, gesturing to the chuckling blue Nadder.

"**The sun was in my eyes, Astrid and Raeda. What do you two want me to do, block out the sun? I could do that, but I don't have time right now!" he defended himself as the three of them ran away from the Nadder.**

"Yeah, that's a really good excuse." Raeda said sarcastically.

"What? That was the reason." Snotlout argued.

**No longer being chased by one the Nadders, Hiccup turned to Gobber "They probably take the daytime off. You know, like a cat. Has anyone ever seen one napping?" **

"HICCUP!" Almost everyone in the room yelled in frustration.

Behind him the other teens ran away from the two Deadly Nadders, with the blue one knocking down walls while chasing Astrid. Astrid then jumped on top of one of the falling maze walls and noticed that Hiccup was directly in her path.

"**HICCUP!" she yelled but it was too late. She fell on top of him with her axe stuck in his shield.**

Astrid blushed at that.

"**Oooh! Love on the battlefield!" Tuffnut jeered.**

"**She could do better." Ruffnut taunted.**

Astrid disagreed with Ruffnut. It was more the other way around.

Just then, the purple Deadly Nadder came after the rest of the teens, launching its spines at them. Luckily for them, some of the spines got deflected by a shield as Raeda bravely came in front of the Nadder, her bow and arrows ready. Having reached its' shot limit, the purple Nadder decided to retreat, leaving the blue Nadder, who was approaching Hiccup and Astrid, the latter still trying to get her axe out of the formers' shield. As the Nadder got closer to the two, Astrid decided to just take the axe with the shield still stuck on it and hit the Nadder in the face, causing the dragon to also retreat.

"**Well done, Astrid and Raeda." Gobber said.**

Raeda and Astrids' parents beamed in pride of their daughters success', despite the fact that they no longer fight against dragons.

"**Thanks Gobber." Raeda said, pleased with herself.**

Astrid, however, was not happy at all. She turned to Hiccup who was still on the ground. "Is this some kind of a joke to you?! Our parents' war is about to become ours! Figure out which side you're on!" she shouted at him.

Astrid stared at the ground as the part she dreaded came.

Wordlessly, Hiccup got up and left. Hicca stayed back, her blood started to boil after watching Astrid yell at her brother.

Everyone, humans and dragons, felt a bit intimidated by the rage in Hiccas' eyes. Clearly no one, not even Stoick, Gobber and Raeda, has ever seen it before.

"**Hey Astrid!" she yelled as she came up to her and shoved her, much to everyone else's shock **

Everyone except for Gobber and the teens were shocked by this. _Hicca_ shoved _Astrid_.

"**What is your problem?! Hiccup is not the only one who messed up and you know it! And yet you're still coming after him just because he accidently got in your way-"**

"**Exactly! He got in my way! That's what you two always do! We're here fighting for our lives and here you two are, getting in every ones way and causing more disaster than there already is!" Astrid shouted.**

There was silence in the arena. Raeda was about to say something when Hicca beat her to it "That's what we are to you? The Village Screw-Ups just like to most of the Vikings here?"

The Vikings, except for Raeda and Gobber, brought their heads down in guilt, though none more than Astrid.

"**In that case, I should apologise. Really, I should. I'm sorry that out of all the teens in this village I chose to be friends with you! Because right now, I'm seriously wondering why I ever did!" Angry and hurt, Hicca walked out of the Arena, but not before adding something else "You know what Astrid? You may be the best in dragon training; actually you may be the best young warrior in Berk. But as a person? You're no better than anyone in this village. In fact, you're THE WORST!" She then left, ignoring the surprise gasps from the other teens. **

No one said anything as they witness the first, and hopefully only, time Hicca ever got mad.

Snotlout finally broke the silence. "Remind me never to get Hicca mad." Everyone nodded in agreement.

For a moment no one said or did anything. Then Raeda left, throwing one glare in Astrids' direction, to join Hicca. As soon as she caught up with Hicca, for a second, neither of the girls said anything, until Raeda spoke up "Wow, Hicca. Just wow. How long have you've been keeping that bottled up?"

"**A long time." Hicca admitted.**

"She kept that rage bottled up this whole time." Gobber asked incredulously.

"Wonder what Hiccups' rage is like." Tuffnut commented. No one wanted to know.

The Henderson girl then asked a question that has been on her mind for awhile "What happened to you two? Back then you, Astrid and Hiccup used to be inseparable. How did you guys go from**_ that_**** to ****_this_****?"**

Everyone, except for Astrid and Raeda, were also curious to know.

Hicca took a deep breath before answering her question "You remember that point in our lives when our parents started training us to become warriors, teaching us to fight and all?"

Raeda nodded, remembering clearly how her parents trained her day and night to reach perfection. Before she spent most of her time going nature walks, observing the various flowers and herbs that grew there and collecting seeds so that she could grow some of the plants at home. Ever since her parents started training her, she barely had time to do that anymore.

Hicca then continued "Astrid took that seriously. Like you, she trained every chance she got except it was by choice. And it paid off. She became one of the best. Hiccup and I on the other hand? We weren't so lucky. When we realized that the only weapon we could use was a dagger, we decided to try other ways to show our worth to the village. That was when we started building inventions. You know very well how those turned out."

Again Raeda nodded. The Haddock twins did have some great ideas, but because of their inexperience, their inventions had brought disastrous results to the village!

"**We were already misfits because of our small sizes, but we added more fuel to that because of our inventions. Then one day, Astrid stopped talking to us. She just ignored us and when she did notice us, she always gave us a glare. Guess she saw that we were more trouble than we were worth and decided to hang out with other, more Viking-like, teens."**

The guilt inside Astrid grew even more, if it was possible. Raeda noticed and tried to console her. "Hey, that was the past and you should keep it there. Hicca already forgave you and told you she wanted to start over." Astrid nodded and continued watching.

The other Vikings felt really bad for the Haddock twins. It wasn't like either of them asked to be the way they were. Those two tried

everything they could to help and they only got scorned in response. They seriously need to make it up to those two.

**After hearing that, Raeda suddenly stopped and looked at Hicca "You guys are anything but trouble. You're both smart and brave. No one, not even Gobber, could come up with different inventions like you guys can. And bravery is not just fighting off enemies, its being able to face your troubles and still hang on. You two have been doing that for years. Even when everyone puts you two down, you guys manage to bounce right back like it never hit you." **

Everyone smiled when they saw how good of a friend Raeda was to them. Her parents were proud of her. Everything she said was true.

This made Hicca smiled, glad to have a friend like Raeda. Soon the two girls reached the forge where they were met by a dejectedâ€“looking Hiccup.

The guilt came back to Astrid. She still hasn't been able to apologise to the boy because he was still in a coma. She wondered if he still likes her the way she likes him now.

** "****Hey sis, hey Raeda. You did a good job in training today, Rae." He said, looking up to the girls.**

"**Thanks Hiccup. Listen; don't take what Astrid said personally. Yeah, you messed up today but you weren't the only one. I mean, did you see Snotlout throwing his hammer at the blue Nadder? At least you didn't come up with excuses." Raeda said, trying to cheer him up.**

"**He didn't even come up with an excuse that made sense." Hicca added.**

"What was that suppose to mean?" Snotlout asked indignantly.

"Snotlout, there were no clouds that day, were there guys?" Raeda asked turning to the other teens. The five other teens nodded in agreement with the Henderson girl and Snotlout just huffed, crossing his arms.

Hiccup couldn't help but chuckle at that.

"**So you made any new drawings lately?" Hicca asked Raeda. **

Everyone leaned towards the screen in curiosity and Raeda took a deep breath. She knew this was going to come sooner or later.

Raeda then took out her sketch book which she kept in a pocket of her quiver and showed the twins. Hiccup and Hicca may be able to make accurate drawings, but Raedas' artwork surpassed both of theirs combined! Not only is she accurate in drawing still life, but her abstract work is absolutely mesmerizing. The twins can't help but be amazed at her creativity every time they see her work.

All the humans, except for Raeda, and dragons' eyes widened when the sketches were shown on screen. They had absolutely no idea at all that Raeda could make those sketches!

"Whoa, Raeda, did you make all those drawings?" Astrid asked, not taking her eyes off each sketch.

"Yes." Raeda said quietly.

"I thought Hiccup and Hicca were the only ones good at drawing, but yours is way beyond theirs' put together." Fishlegs said amazed.

"Thanks, Fishlegs." Raeda said.

"Since when were you good at drawing?" Ruffnut asked.

"Years." Raeda admitted. "A lot longer than Hicca has been interested in being a healer, and _that_ is four years." She decided to speak what was on mind. If Hicca could speak out then so could she. "In fact, it's kind of more than a hobby for me. I really want to be an artist instead of a shield maiden."

Everyone was even more shocked, if possible from hearing this. A Henderson who does _not_ want to be a warrior?

Raeda looked at her parents, waiting anxiously to see what their reactions are. Neither of her parents seemed mad, more surprised actually.

"Well, this is certainly something to talk about afterwards." Thaddeus said as his wife nodded in agreement. Both of them have heard their daughter talk about art a few times, but they just regarded it as a hobby, nothing more. After seeing some of her work, now they're not so sure. They were feeling a bit jealous of Hiccup and Hicca though as the twins seem to be the only ones who knew about this. What else could Raeda be hiding that only those two know?

Raeda accepted this, glad that neither of her parents are scolding her yet or sending disapproving glares at her. She turned her attention back to the screen.

**Raeda then told them the inspirations behind each artwork and that began their chain of conversations. **

Everyone else was surprised to see the two use-to-be misfits and the seemingly cold, intimidating girl interact so happily with each other. They definitely were missing a lot.

This lasted all through the afternoon until Raeda got up.

"**I have to go guys. Just because my parents are gone doesn't mean I can slack off that much. If I fall behind on my training, they will find out." She said, picking up her bow and quiver.**

The twins nodded understandingly; grateful they get to at least get some time to hang out with her. After Raeda left, Hiccup and Hicca turned to each other, knowing exactly what to do now.

"**To the Night Furies?"**

"**To the Night Furies."**

"I knew they would go back!" Gobber exclaimed.

"Yes, Gobber. That seemed kind of obvious." Stoick said sighing.

A/N: I know that I made a chapter in my ROB series in which Raedas' parents first discover her artistic skills, but keep in mind that this is an au story to my fiction. Please read and review.

9. The Friendship

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Chapter 9: The Friendship

Moments later, they arrived at the Cove with each twin carrying a fish and Hiccup holding up a shield just in case. They walk through passageway of the Cove with Hiccup leading his with his shield in front until it got stuck between the rocks of the narrow path.

The dragons perked up at the sight of the two fishes. They look so good.

"**Uh, we forgot to check something." Hiccup said as he struggled to get his shield out of the way.**

"**Yeah, no kidding." Hicca said, grateful that she didn't bring a shield.**

"So that's what happened to that shield." Gobber muttered.

Realizing that the shield wasn't going to come out, Hiccup gave up and decided to crawl under the shield followed by his sister. As they got up, they started looking around for the Night Furies who seemed to have disappeared. Unbeknownst to them, the two Night Furies were perched high up on the rocks, observing the two humans.

Only when Hiccup and Hicca turned around they saw the two dragons watching them. The dragons then jumped to the ground approaching the two kids cautiously while Hiccup and Hicca stood there holding their fishes out as an offer to the dragons. Then the dragons' pupils turned into slits as they started growling.

Everyone felt a little weary watching this scene. The Haddock twins haven't formed their friendship with the Night Furies yet. Who knows what those two dragons could have done.

**On a hunch, Hiccup and Hicca took out their daggers that they brought with them. This caused the dragons to get in position to pounce on Hiccup and Hicca. The twins then dropped their daggers. Seeing that this did not calm the dragons, they simultaneously lifted their own daggers with their feet and tossed it to the pond. This put the Night Furies at ease as their pupils became wider and they adopted a more curious look. **

"Aww." The little children said.

The Vikings were amazed at the fact that Hiccup and Hicca only had to disarm themselves to get the two dragons lose their predatory stances. They were also amazed at the fact that the auburn haired twins disarmed themselves willingly in front of the two most dangerous dragons. Those two were braver than anyone thought.

The two dragons then slowly walked towards the twins who held the fishes out for them to take. To the twins' surprise, the Night Furies open their mouth to reveal gums where their teeth should be.

"Whoa, what happened to their teeth?" Ruffnut asked.

"Did they lose them?" Tuffnut asked.

"**Uh, I'm not the only one who's seeing this right?" Hicca asked.**

"**No you're not. Huh. Toothless. I could've sworn you had..." Hiccup was then cut off as sharp teeth appeared from both the dragons' mouth. The dragons then snatched the fish out of the kids' hands and ate it in one go.**

Everyone, except for the dragons, gasped at that sudden action.

"Wow! Retractable teeth!" Fishlegs said in awe.

"**...Teeth." Hiccup said in shock.**

"**At least we still have all our fingers." Hicca said equally shocked.**

The dragon then got closer to the twins until they had them cornered against a rock.

Everyone held their breath as they saw the Toothless and Midnight slowly approach Hiccup and Hicca. What were the two Night Furies going to do?

"**Uh, uh, no, no, no. W-we don't have any more." Hiccup said nervously**

"**That was all we have, sorry." Hicca said in a soft voice.**

Hearing that the two Night Furies turned to look at each other then made some retching sounds. This confused Hicca and Hiccup, until the two dragons regurgitated half of their fish, one fish on each twins' lap. The dragons then sat on their haunches and looked between the twins and the regurgitated fish.

The humans, except for Tuffnut, cringed in disgust while the dragons were in awe. The two Night Furies were willing to share their meals with two humans? That was a compliment though these humans didn't seem to agree.

"Cool." Tuffnut said. He then noticed everyone looked at him incredulously. "What?"

Ruffnut rolled her eyes and punched her brother in the face.

Realizing what they were supposed to do, Hicca turned to her brother "I will only do this if you do this." She said.

Hiccup sighed, and then took a bite out of his half saliva-coated fish as his sister did the same. It took all they had not to throw up the disgusting fish as they turned to the dragons, convincing them that the fish was actually good. The dragons then swallowed, telling the twins that they have to do that. With a sigh both twins swallowed, turning green.

"How did they keep that in?" Fishlegs asked turning green. "I'm feeling sick just watching that part."

"I think those two are going to need to visit the healer." Gobber said, while the others nodded in agreement. The healer herself was even mentally preparing for the appointment.

**They then gave the dragons a small smile which the dragons tried to replicate, shocking both Hiccup and Hicca. **

"Aww." Some of the kids said at the sight of Midnight and Toothless smiling.

"Are they... imitating them?" Fishlegs asked in awe.

"Looks like it." Astrid said, amazed. Toothless and Midnight sure were smart.

Curious, some of the other dragons tried to smile.

The twins then looked at each other before getting up and reaching one hand each towards the Night Furies. However, it did not look like the Night Furies were ready to trust them just yet. Instead, they gave a warning growl and went somewhere else. The twins then decided to stay in the Cove and observe the dragons a bit more. During this, the two discovered that the dragons were mates when they their displayed affection for each other, like nuzzling and warbling each other in a loving way. When the Night Furies settled down for a nap, to their annoyance they found the twins suddenly sitting close to them offering them friendly smiles. The Night Furies simply huffed and each used a wing as a drape. Seeing this opportunity, Hiccup and Hicca tried to touch the dragons only to be caught by said dragons as they lifted their wings. Caught, the twins simply walked away, leaving the dragons to sleep in peace.

"How much do you want to bet Hicca and Hiccup stayed there?" Snotlout asked.

"Not going to take you up on that because I remembered not seeing either of them in the village until we had dinner in one of the towers that day. When I asked them were they were, they said they were in the forest." Raeda said.

She unknowingly brought some guilt to the Vikings who have stayed behind from the voyage. None of them had noticed that the Haddock twins were barely around until they started becoming popular. This

could have been dangerous if anything happened to either or both of them.

**Awhile later, the dragons woke up to find the two humans were still there. Curious, both the dragons went to where the humans were to see what they were doing. Hicca and Hiccup, who were drawing the dragons on the dirt with sticks, noticed the dragons were behind them but neither said anything as they continued drawing. **

The villagers, except for Raeda, were still in shock of the auburn twins drawing abilities. Sure, Raedas' work surpasses both of theirs combined, but they definitely have a skill in drawing.

**After observing what the twins were doing the dragons looked at each other before going somewhere. Puzzled, the twins looked up and were stunned to find that the dragons had each uprooted a tree and began dragging the trees in the sand. Hiccup and Hicca could only watch in amazement as the two dragons did their version of drawing. **

Everyone, even the dragons were surprised when they saw both Toothless and Midnight attempting to draw as well. Sure it was a very loopy work, but for dragons to do this was something else.

The rest of the dragons started planning to do this after the movie was over. It didn't seem that hard, they just need a good tree to use.

When they were done, Hiccup and Hicca started walking around observing the artwork made by the two dragons.

**Their thoughts were then interrupted by two sudden growls, again directed at Hiccup who stopped in confusion. **

"Why are they growling?" Fishlegs asked.

**Hicca turned and saw that her brother had stepped on one of the lines. She rushed to him and pulled him from there, careful not to ruin the artwork. **

"**Don't step on the lines. These guys are just like Raeda whenever she finishes her artwork." She whispered.**

"Oh." Fishlegs said, getting the answer to his question.

"Is that true?" Astrid asked, turning to Raeda.

"Yep." Raeda said. Now that her secret was out, she decided to let her devotion to art be known. "Keep this in mind: if you mess with my artwork, I will hunt you down and have you wishing you were caged in with a wild Monstrous Nightmare instead." She said in a serious, threatening voice. That combined with the look in her eyes, made everyone, even the Monstrous Nightmares, flinch back.

**Hiccup nodded in understanding and both of them carefully stepped over the lines, being careful not to bump into each other. When they made it to a clear space, they then noticed that they were both inches away from the two Night Furies. **

Everyone leaned in forward, curious to see what will happen.

The twins tried once again to reach their hand out only to get the same response from both dragons. The twins then tried a different approach. They each kept one hand up and looked away, letting the dragons decide to trust them or not. Both Night Furies, realizing the significance of this, decided to trust the two kids. The female Night Fury pressed her snout on Hiccas' hand while the male Night Fury pressed his snout on Hiccups'. Awestruck, Hiccup and Hicca looked up at the Night Furies, who looked back at them and snorted as they went off.

The twins still amazed at what happened looked at each other with only one word said "Wow."

"There we have it, that's how the friendship officially began." Gobber said as he and the others watched in amazement. The two scrawniest teens approached the two feared dragons and put everything on the line to form a friendship with them. And because of this moment, they were able to change everything the Vikings believed in.

10. The Tail-fin

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Chapter 10: The Tail-fin

"**...And with one twist, he took my hand, and swallowed it whole. And I saw the look on his face. I was delicious. He must have passed the word, because it wasn't a month before another one of them took my leg."**

The dragons cringed in disgust at this. What insane dragon would want to eat human flesh when there is delicious mouth-watering fish available? The moustached man must have made that story up.

Later on, the twins went back to Berk to join Gobber and the other teens for dinner at the watch tower as Gobber shared the tale of how he lost his limbs. Hicca and Astrid refused to acknowledge each others' presence after the Nadder incident and when they did make eye contact, they both glared daggers at each other.

"**Isn't it weird to think that your hand was inside a dragon? Like if your mind was still in control of it, you could have killed the dragon from the inside by crushing his heart, or something." Fishlegs said, earning weird looks from the others.**

"That sounds really weird." Tuffnut said before he got excited. "And so cool! Any chance we could try that?"

"Nope." Raeda said. "According to Hicca, that wouldn't be impossible."

This caused Hicca to roll her eyes "That is completely flawed. When a persons' arm gets cut off, so does the nerves that connects the arm to the brain. Since the brain has no way to send nerve impulses to the arm, it can no longer be in control of it at all. What Fishlegs is saying completely defies that." She whispered to her brother who nodded in understanding.

"See?" Raeda asked as the villagers, except for Gobber, were in awe of how much Hicca knew about medicine.

"I have absolutely no idea what Hicca just said." Ruffnut said confused.

"Me neither." Tuffnut said.

"Does Hiccup understand what his sister is saying?" Astrid asked.

Raeda nodded her head. "He knows enough."

Stoick still wasn't use to the fact that Raeda can answer for his children better than he could.

"**I swear, I'm so angry right now! I'll avenge your beautiful hand and your beautiful foot. I'll chop off the legs of every dragon I fight. With my face!" Snotlout boasted.**

"**At least he'll use his head for something." Hiccup whispered to his sister causing her to giggle.**

That caused everyone, humans and dragons to laugh. Snotlout huffed and crossed his arms.

"That was so funny, why didn't Hiccup say that out loud?" Astrid asked, still giggling.

"Hate to ruin the mood, bur why do you think?"Raeda answered. Everyone sobered when they realised how shy both the twins were around them.

"**Un-unh. It's the wings and the tails you really want. If it can't fly, it can't get away. A downed dragon is a dead dragon." Gobber informed them.**

This made the Haddock twins look up, horrified. One look exchanged and they knew exactly what the other was thinking.

Oblivious to the Haddock twins' reaction, Gobber then got up "Alright. I'm off to bed. You should be, too. Tomorrow we get to the big boys. Slowly, but surely making our way up to the Monstrous Nightmare. But who'll win the honour of killing it?"

"Really Gobber, you're left those kids alone?" Stoick asked exasperated while the other adults nodded in agreement.

Gobber just shrugged. "I was tired and I could use a break from them."

"Hey!" The six teens exclaimed indignantly.

"**It's gonna be me. It's my destiny. See?" Tuffnut bragged showing everyone his mark.**

Fishlegs gasped "Your Mom let you get a tattoo?"

"**It's not a tattoo. It's a birthmark."**

"**Okay, I've been stuck with you since birth, and that was never there before." Ruffnut said.**

"**Yes, it was. You've just never seen me from the left side until now."**

"Tuffnut." Mr. Thorston said, turning to his son.

"You don't have a birth mark." Mrs. Thorston said narrowing her eyes.

Tuffnut gave a nervous laugh and sunk to his seat while Ruffnut snickered at her brothers' misfortune. He is going to have a long talk with their parents when they get back home.

Astrid then turned and noticed that two people were missing. Walking towards the spiral stairs, she saw Hiccup and Hicca leaving in a hurry. She then dismissed it and went back to where the others were. What those two were up to was not something she would care about, especially not after today.

Hiccup and Hicca made their way to the forge, their goal clear in their minds.

"**A downed dragon is a dead dragon." Hicca stated.**

"**Not if we do something about it." Hiccup said with a determined look.**

"They're not going to do what I think they're going to do, are they?" Gobber asked.

"They definitely are." Astrid said knowingly.

"Oh no, they're going to do it!" Tuffnut exclaimed. Everyone turned to him. "I have no idea what they're going to do."

**The two then worked rigorously, finding every scrap of metal and leather they could find. After they were done, Hiccup held up the finished product, a prosthetic tailfin. **

Everyone was impressed at the fact that those two managed to build the tail overnight. Maybe they weren't as bad at blacksmithing as they thought.

"**You think this will work?" He asked his sister.**

"**Only one way to find out." She replied. Then a thought entered her mind "Hey bro, I was thinking. Why don't we name the two Night Furies? Just to avoid confusion. If you don't mind I would like to name the female Night Fury."**

"**That's exactly what I was thinking of. I even have a name picked for the male Night Fury."**

"**I also have one picked for the female."**

They then spoke at the same time "Toothless. Wait, what?"

Everyone laughed at that.

"**We can't name them both Toothless." Hicca said with her arms crossed.**

"**You're right. There's only one thing to do." Hiccup said as he went and picked up at dagger **

"He is going to murder his sister?!" Tuffnut yelled in horror. Ruffnut had the same expression and everyone else rolled their eyes.

"**Call it." He said as he tossed the dagger in the air.**

"Huh?" The Thorston twins muttered.

"**Black." Hicca said just before the dagger landed. They both took a closer look at the dagger and saw...**

"**Ha! Grey side! Pick a new name." **

"What was that?" Ruffnut asked.

"That is how they make some of their decisions." Gobber explained. "I once told them how Norbert the Nutjob from the Hysterics tribe decides the fate of his prisoners. And from that story, they came up with this." He gestured to the dagger on the screen.

"Well that's boring." Tuffnut said. "Where's the pain? Where's the bloodshed? There wasn't even one punch thrown just like that!" His twin was in agreement, though their parents were planning on getting a dagger and two different paints.

Hicca huffed at losing the right to the name then tried to come up with a new one "Let's see. New name, new name, new name..." She then saw the Night Fury scales she collected the other day on her table and got an idea. "Midnight. I will name the female Night Fury Midnight." She declared.

The next day, the two of them arrived at the Cove early morning before dragon training, each carrying a heavy basket.

"**Toothless! Midnight! Come on out, it's breakfast time!"**

"Where did those two get those fishes from?" One of the fishermen asked, narrowing his eyes.

"We need to check the fish storage." Another fisherman said.

"How did those two carry those baskets all the way there?" Snotlout wondered.

The Night Furies then came up to them, seeming to like their new names. Hicca and Hiccup then opened their baskets, revealing fishes to the two dragons.

"**Okay, that's disgusting. Uh... we've got some salmon, some nice Icelandic cod, and a whole smoked eel." Hiccup said. Just then Toothless and Midnight both backed away from the piles with a repulsed look directly towards to smoked eel. Hiccup then went to pick up the eel from Toothless' pile, causing both dragons to back away further.**

All the dragons backed away from the screen, hissing. The Vikings were looking at them with confusion and curiosity.

"**No, no, no, no! It's okay. Yeah, I don't really like eel much either." Hiccup said as he threw the eel away.**

"**Let me just get that." Hicca said as she picked up the eel from Midnights' pile and quickly threw it away. **

The dragons backed away again.

"**Sorry about that, guys. We'll be sure to remember not to get eel next time."**

Toothless and Midnight then went to eat the fish. While they were doing that Hiccup quietly took the tailfin he brought with him and moved behind Toothless, while his sister kept an eye on the dragons. After a bit of struggle in trying to keep Toothless' tail still, Hiccup got on top of the tail and managed to strap the tailfin on. Unbeknownst to him, Toothless who finished his meal started noticing a sudden weight on his tail. He then spread his wings while Midnight looked at Hiccup in confusion. 'What was he up to?'

Hicca then saw Toothless' reaction and tried to warn her brother but he wasn't paying attention.

"Uh oh, something tells me this isn't going to turn out well." Gobber muttered.

"**It's okay. Okay... okay... There. That's not too bad. It works." He muttered assessing the new tailfin.**

"**Uh, Hiccup? I really think you should get-" However she didn't get to finish her sentence as Toothless suddenly shot in the air with Hiccup in tow still on his tailfin!**

Everyone got a jolt when they saw Toothless take off.

"That is so awesome." Ruffnut exclaimed. "I'm definitely going to do that on Barf and Belch."

"No, _I'm _going to do that with Barf and Belch!" Tuffnut argued.

"No, I am!"

"No, I am!"

And just like that, they got into one of their numerous, daily fights. The twins rolled over on the floor, exchanging and dodging punches.

Annoyed, Astrid and Raeda looked at each other and nodded. They got

up from their seats and punched the blonde twins in the face, knocking them out and ending their fight.

"**Whoa! No! No! No!"**

"**HICCUP!" **

Stoick paled when he saw his son dangling on the dragons' tail.

Just like before, Toothless started falling to the ground as the artificial tailfin could not open by itself. Before they could hit the ground, Hiccup manually opened the tailfin causing Toothless to take a sharp turn away from the ground.

Everyones' fear quickly turned into awe as they watch the tail-fin working perfectly.

Hicca sighed in relief, happy to see that their new invention was working perfectly. Midnight looked up at her now airborne mate, getting ready to join him. But then one look at the girl, she realized that Hicca would be left out because she would be the only one on the ground. An idea suddenly came to her. Hicca got the shock of her life as Midnight suddenly grabbed her shoulders by her claws and flew her up.

"Whoa!" The villagers yelled as they saw Hicca being carried up as well.

"**Whoa! What the-! Midnight! Oh wow! Oh-" Hicca screamed as saw the saw the ground getting smaller. However, as she started chuckling nervously, slowly becoming amazed at the view.**

As Toothless and Hiccup flew over the pond, Hiccup started to rejoice "Oh, my... it's working! Yes! Yes, we did it Hicca!"

This caused Toothless to realize that Hiccup was on his tail. With a snort, he used his tail to throw Hiccup into the pond. Unfortunately, that caused the artificial tailfin to close up and as a result, Toothless plummeted into the pond. This did not faze Hiccup though as he bobbed out of the pond feeling victorious.

Midnight then flew to the ground with a gentle landing as she let go of Hicca, causing the human girl to stumble.

"What did we miss?" The Thorston twins asked when they regained consciousness. Nobody bothered answering them as they continued to watch.

11. The Zippleback

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Chapter 11: The Zippleback

"**Today is about teamwork."**

All the teens and Gobber got excited and leaned. This exercise marked

the beginning of Hiccup and Hiccas' rise to being the top students and now they were going to find out how they did it.

After their impromptu flight, Hiccup and Hicca made it back to the village in time for their next training exercise. The teens were put in four groups of two; Hiccup and Fishlegs, Snotlout and Tuffnut, Astrid and Ruffnut and Hicca and Raeda. Each teen held onto a bucket of water as the Arena was suddenly filled with smoke.

"**Now, a wet dragon head can't light its fire. The Hideous Zippleback is extra tricky. One head ****_breathes_**** gas, the other head ****_lights_**** it. Your job is to know which is which." Gobber said as he watched the kids from a safe distance.**

Barf and Belch raised their heads up. It was their turn in the spotlight!

**The teams of two had their backs facing each other as the smoke separated them from the other teams, making them unable to see anything. **

Nervously, Fishlegs started stating facts about the Zippleback "Razor sharp, serrated teeth that inject venom for pre-digestion. Prefers ambush attack, by crushing its victims-"

"Awesome!" Ruffnut and Tuffnut exclaimed. Raeda rolled her eyes at them.

"How is that information supposed to help us?" Astrid asked dubiously.

"Well it tells us what we should avoid when facing a Zippleback." Fishlegs pointed out.

Hiccup, who was already on edge about their assignment cut off Fishlegs' rambling "Will you please stop that?!"

Both teams Astrid and Ruffnut and Hicca and Raeda were quiet as they kept an eye out for the dragon. A thought suddenly came to Hicca.

"**If we see one of the heads of the dragon, only one of us should throw water at it, since there will be a one in two chance of getting it wrong." She whispered to Raeda. Raeda nodded at that "Good idea. You throw the water first."**

Everyone was impressed at how Hicca came up with that strategy. None of the other teens, not even her brother, thought of doing that.

Snotlout and Tuffnut however did not have the same strategy "If that dragon shows either of his faces, I'm gonna-" Snotlout started to say before noticing a shadow "There!" He and Tuffnut then threw their buckets at what they thought were dragons only to hear two feminine screams.

"This is where Hiccas' strategy can be beneficial." Raeda commented, while the others except for Snotlout and Tuffnut nodded in agreement.

The smoke cleared revealing to be Ruffnut and Astrid "Hey! It's us, idiots!" Ruffnut said, completely drenched.

**Tuffnut was not bothered by this "Your butts are getting bigger. We thought you were a Dragon." **

"Ha! It's funny cause it's true!" Tuffnut snickered. Ruffnut and Astrid glared at the male Thorston.

Two seconds later...

Tuffnut is unconscious on the ground with two bumps on his head.

"**Not that there's anything wrong with a dragon-esque figure."****Snotlout said before getting punched in the face by Astrid. Ruffnut threw her bucket at Tuffnut causing him to fall. Suddenly, Tuffnut got pulled into the smoke! Astrid put an arm in front of Ruffnut, preventing her from going after her brother. **

"**Wait." She whispered. After a moment of silence, a tail swooped in from behind knocking both girls of their feet and Astrid to lose her bucket of water!**

Tuffnut then emerged out of the smoke "OH, I'M HURT! I AM VERY MUCH HURT!" he yelled as he ran. Unfortunately, he didn't see where he was going and knocked right into...

"**AHHHH!" Raeda and Hicca yelled as Tuffnut ran right into them causing them to also lose their buckets of water! "Tuffnut! You idiot!" Raeda shouted at the male Thorston twin who got up and continued to run away. **

"We had didn't even get a chance to face the Zippleback thanks to this guy." Raeda grumbled, gesturing to the knocked out boy on the ground. "Not that I want to now." The raven-haired girl quickly said in reassurance to Barf and Belch.

That only left Hiccup and Fishlegs.

"**Chances of survival are dwindling into single-digits now." Fishlegs said nervously.**

"Do you so have to be so negative Fishlegs?" Astrid asked.

"I'm just stating the facts." Fishlegs defended.

"Well we beat the odds there." Raeda pointed out.

Then one of the heads of the Zippleback emerged from the smoke and zeroed in on Fishlegs. Panicking, Fishlegs threw the water at the head. The Zippleback seemed unfazed as it began to spew out green gas while the other head came into view.

"**Oh. Wrong head." Fishlegs said now scared. The Zippleback then blasted the green gas at Fishlegs!**

"**Fishlegs!" Gobber yelled in concern. Thankfully, Fishlegs managed to get out of there before the other Zippleback head could

ignite the gas. **

Fishlegs shuddered. He was seconds away from getting burned to bits.

Then there was one.

"**Now, Hiccup!"**

As the Zippleback raised both its' heads higher, Hiccup threw the bucket with all the strength he had. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to reach the dragon and he ended up getting himself drenched. "Oh, come on!" He muttered as he held his bucket up. Luck and strength were not in his favour at all.

Then the Zippleback got him pinned, ready to fire at him.

Everyone, except for the teens and Gobber, gasped in fear and jumped back, now scared for Hiccup. Stoick held his breath as his knuckles turned white. How did he survive?

** "****Hiccup!" Both Gobber and Hicca yelled in fear. Gobber was about to go in and help him, but then stopped. Suddenly the Zippleback started moving away from the boy in fear! Gobber and the teens were shocked by this. Since when did one of the weakest teen became intimidating to a dragon? Hicca quickly put two and two together and had her arms crossed and slowly shaking her head in amusement.**

The other adults, having not seen this training exercise, had the same surprise and shocked expression.

Raeda pondered for a bit before speaking up. "Well, now we know how he breezed through that exercise."

"Yep, we definitely know exactly what he did in that one." Snotlout piped in, though the uncertainty in his voice clearly shows that he still didn't know. "But if you feel the need to brag about what _we_ all know, then it's fine."

Raeda rolled her eyes and simply continued to watch.

"**BACK! BACK! BACK! Now, don't you make me tell you again! Yes, that's right. Back into your cage. Now, think about what you've done." As Hiccup got the dragon back into its' cage, he took out the eel he had hidden in his vest and threw it in to the cage, making the Zippleback back into a corner in fear.**

"Ha! I knew he did that all along." Snotlout lied with more confidence in his voice.

The villagers ignored him and the dragons back away at the sight of the eel, feeling sorry for the Zippleback that got locked in with that dreaded creature. Barf and Belch shuddered at that memory. Hiccup and Hicca were kind enough to come back and get the eel out, but did they have to wait so long before taking it out.

**As he locked up the cage, he turned back to see everyone, except Hicca, looking back at him in complete shock. **

"I bet those two were laughing about our expressions after they left." Astrid said.

"No doubt about it. I would have." Raeda agreed.

"**Okay! So, are we done? Because Hicca and I've got some things we need to, uh... Yep. We'll... see you tomorrow! Come on Hicca!"**

"**See you guys later." Hicca said, casually waving at everyone as she left to join her brother. **

"**Wow." Raeda said finally breaking the silence. 'How in the world did Hiccup do that? Whatever it was, Hicca is obviously in on it.'**

As soon as they left the Arena, they started laughing.

"Knew it." Astrid and Raeda said smiling.

"**You used the eel, didn't you?" Hicca asked as soon as they were away from the arena. Hiccup nodded. **

"**How else?"**

"**Well played, bro. Well played."**

"**Did you see the looks on the others face?"**

"**I know, right? They were looking like they saw a ghost or something. Fishlegs even dropped and he didn't realise it. Even Astrid was shocked and speechless. I didn't even think that was possible."**

"**Come on, let's go to the Cove. I know two dragons who are going to get double the amount of fish this time." Hiccup said. They broke into a run towards the forest.**

All the dragons perked up at that. Those lucky Night Furies getting double helpings of fish...

"**You know, I have a feeling that things are going to be a lot different from now onwards." Hicca said as they ran.**

Little did she know, her prediction will come true in a few weeks. This was just the beginning.

"Can't wait to see what other things they learned." Gobber commented. "They clearly used different techniques each time in the training sessions.

"Uh, what should we do about Tuffnut?" Raeda asked, noticing that the blonde boy was still unconscious.

"Leave him, he'll wake up eventually." Ruffnut said nonchalantly. Astrid nodded in agreement.

12. Tricks Revealed

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Chapter 12: Tricks Revealed

**The next month, the Haddock twins worked most of the nights to improve Toothless' prosthetic tailfin. They started by making saddles. **

"How did they learn to make that? I never taught them that." Gobber said, impressed.

"I once got a book about sewing from Trader Johann and lent it to Hicca. I guess she showed her brother how to do it." Raeda answered.

**The next morning, they had to chase the two dragons down for hours to get the saddles on. **

Everyone started laughing when they watched the two teens chase after the two dragons.

"I'm back!" Tuffnut said as he got up from the ground. He went back to his seat...only to kicked off it and on the ground by Ruffnut.

**They went on separate test flights with Hicca learning to get use to flying on Midnight and Hiccup trying to find a way to control Toothless' tailfin manually. It seemed to be going well, until Hicca and Midnight took a sharp turn, causing Hicca to fall off the saddle knocking Hiccup and Toothless, who were flying below them into the pond. **

"That's something we should do later." Ruffnut said.

"I know, make a note of that." Tuffnut told his sister.

"You make a note of that!" Ruffnut retorted.

They were shushed by everyone else before they could get into another argument.

**They spent the next night making the vests with ropes attached to the saddles to make them more secure. **

"Good, that will keep them on the saddles." Stoick said nodding. He would be lucky to be able to get through this movie without a heart attack or two.

The next day, both teens and dragons worked on their flight until Hiccup and Toothless crash landed in a grassy field. Hicca landed her dragon on the field and got off Midnight to check on her brother and make sure he did not sustain any wounds. After she finished her quick check-up, they both turned around and saw Midnight and Toothless rolling around in the grass in a pure bliss.

"Awww." Some of the younger children cooed.

"Ladies and Gentlemen; the unholy offsprings of lightning and death." Astrid deadpanned. Sometimes she wonders how those creatures could be

so fearful.

Hicca picked up some of the grass and sniffed it "Smells like garlic." She commented. Seeing how much their dragons enjoyed the grass gave the twins an idea.

**At the next dragon training, the teens once again had to face the Gronckle. This time they both snuck in the grass which they have dubbed as 'dragon nip'. When the Gronckle charged after Hiccup, he held the dragon nip in front of him, causing the dragon to stop as its pupils widened in the delight at the scent. **

"How did we miss that?" Snotlout wondered.

"The grasses were so small they could have easily kept it in their pockets and hide it in their hands." Astrid said, looking impress. "That was really clever."

Fishlegs started bouncing in his seat, really excited to learn new things about dragons.

**The other teens, except Hicca and Astrid, were once again impressed and amazed at how Hiccup could easily defeat the dragon. They started hanging out with the Haddock twins more, trying to found out how Hiccup did it. **

"**I left my axe back in the ring. You guys go on ahead. I'll catch up with you." Hiccup said trying to get away.**

"**Oh, so did I. I'll come with you." Hicca said and they ran back nearly running into Astrid who seemed a bit suspicious.**

"Oh my gosh!" Astrid said, face-palming. The others looked at her questioningly. "I just realised that neither of those two brought axes to training that day."

The other teens thought about it and face-palmed as well.

Soon, the two made it back to the Cove, where Hiccup started giving Toothless a good scratch. He then scratched under the chin causing the Night Fury to instantly drop in deep sleep. Out of curiosity, Hicca did the same with Midnight and got the same result.

All the humans were surprised to see the two dragons knocked out just like that, while the dragons were envious of the two Night Furies. They looked like they were getting some good scratches.

"**We need to keep a journal with us to write all this stuff down." Hicca said with her brother nodding in agreement.**

"Oh I hope they lend me that journal. Who knows what other things they could have found out?" Fishlegs said excitedly

**Next day in the Arena, the teens were up against the blue Deadly Nadder (Gobber decided to be nice enough to only let one Deadly Nadder out this time. This didn't really make a difference to the teens though.). As the Nadder charged after Hicca, she dropped her axe and shield, making the Nadder stop in confusion. 'Why was this human not attacking?' **

Everyone was curious to know why the blue Deadly Nadder stopped. Did it sense that Hicca wasn't going to hurt it?

**A battle cry made Hicca look up and saw Astrid running towards the Nadder with her axe ready. Hicca frantically scratch the Nadder under its chin, trying to find its' weak spot. She found it just in time as the Nadder instantly dropped to the ground causing Astrid to stop and look at her in shock. **

Astrid was now glad that Hicca did that. She would have regretted it if she hurt her (now) dragon. She gave the blue Nadder a good scratch, causing said dragon to purr in content.

That night Hicca and Hiccup went to the Great Hall for dinner. They went to sit with Raeda and what they didn't expect was to be instantly swarmed by all the Vikings, teens and adults. All that is, except for a blonde Hofferson girl who was not happy with the turn of events.

"You don't look very happy here Astrid." Raeda commented.

"Yeah I wasn't, I was jealous." Astrid admitted.

Another flight trial with Hiccup and Toothless resulted in another crash-landing on to the ground. Hiccup slowly tried to get up, cradling his left arm, as his sister came.

The audience winced at this, hoping that the boy was okay.

"**Hiccup! Are you ok?" Hicca asked, worried.**

"**Don't worry sis. I'm fine." Hiccup said, still holding his left arm.**

**Hicca, knowing her brother too well, was not convinced. She grabbed his left arm, ignoring his protest, and pulled down his sleeve revealing his bleeding arm. **

Everyone winced again, except for the blonde twins.

"Awesome." The twins said. Everyone looked at them. "What where is the fun without the blood?" Tuffnut asked.

"Or the bruises." Ruffnut added.

She then gave him a look that said 'Who are you trying to fool.'

"**Sit down bro. Good news is you're not going to need stitches. Just need to get this wrapped." She then brought out her first aid kit and did what she did best; healing people. Toothless and Midnight came over to the two, curious to see what Hicca was doing.**

Everyone, except for Raeda and Gobber, leaned forward, wanting to see more of Hiccas' medical skills.

"**Dragon and dragoness, I present to you my sister; the healer." Hiccup said, gesturing to Hicca with his right hand. Hicca smiled at

this and continued **

**Then one day, Hiccup and Hicca brought their tools to the Cove to work on Toothless' saddle without being spotted by their new fans. As they were working Hiccup looked up and saw Toothless chasing a tiny spotlight being reflected from his hammer. He then moved the hammer, making the light move as well making Toothless chase after it. Hicca, who was watching this, picked a dagger (Midnight and Toothless trust the twins enough to let them bring the dagger without fear of being attacked) and used it to shine a light on Midnight, who started chasing it as well. With their entire focus on their own spot of light, both Night Furies pounced and accidently head-butted each other, causing Hiccup and Hicca to burst out laughing at the dragons' confused reactions. **

Everyone else laughed as well.

Next dragon training the teens fought against another new dragon.

"**Meet the Terrible Terror." Gobber announced. But instead of a large, intimidating dragon that the teens were used, to a small and seemingly harmless dragon came out of the cage.**

**Tuffnut was amused by this "Ha! That's like the size of my-" As if it detected the insult, the Terrible Terror flew to Tuffnut in a blur and started to bite his nose, making the other teens cautiously step back. **

"**AH! GET IT OFF! OH, I'M HURT! I AM VERY MUCH HURT!" Tuffnut yelled in pain. **

"I really like this dragon." Ruffnut said smiling.

The dragon then got off Tuffnut and started chasing a spotlight on the ground, created by Hicca and her shield. It then moved back into the cage with Hicca behind to close the small door, once again impressing everyone who is present except for Hiccup and Astrid.

"**Wow, she and Hiccup are better than you ever were." Tuffnut said to Astrid as he got up. This made Astrid glare harder as she looks at Hicca, who had just finished locking the gate. 'How are they doing this?'**

"Wow, for years we have spent fighting against dragons losing limbs and lives in the process and here these two are easily subduing dragons without any scratches." Gobber commented. The other adults murmured in agreement.

Angry at the Haddock twins for outshining her, Astrid decided to go to the forest to train and to let out her frustrations.

"I do not want to be those trees." Fishlegs said, wincing each time an axe struck a tree.

**She then got out her axe, did a tuck and roll and was about to throw it at a tree when she stopped. Right in front of her were Hiccup and Hicca, with Hiccup carrying something in his arms. Both of them froze for a second, not expecting to run into Astrid, and then

ran off. Astrid tried to follow them, but lost their trail, much to her annoyance and frustration. **

**Meanwhile, the Haddock twins made it to Cove where Hiccup was putting on the finishing touches to the Toothless' tailfin and saddle. He and his sister modified the left stirrup of the saddle so that Hiccup could control the prosthetic tailfin with his left foot. He brought a rope, a peg and a hammer and started pounding the peg to the ground. **

"**What are you doing?" Hicca asked as she got on Midnight.**

"**I need to see which tail position does what. I'm making a cheat sheet."**

"**Can't you do that without being tethered? 'Learn on the job.' Like Gobber always say."**

"That's right, that method always works." Gobber said nodding.

"**Well that method nearly got me killed on the first day of dragon training. So I'll just stick to my method." Hiccup replied as he tied the rope onto the saddle. **

"Okay, so you can a few burns and cuts while using my method, but is it really that bad?" Gobber asked.

"Yes." All the teens answered.

Stoick made a note to talk to his friend about his teaching techniques.

Hicca just shrugged "Well you better learn fast or Midnight and I will be far better than you two." Midnight warbled in agreement. Hiccup and Toothless just rolled their eyes. No way were they going to let the girls be better than them!

**As Hicca and Midnight flew close by, Hiccup and Toothless worked out the different tail positions. It was all working out fine, until the rope snapped causing Hiccup and Toothless to fly backwards. They then bumped into Hicca and Midnight who happened to be flying by and all four of them crashed into a tree. Luckily the harnesses prevented the twins from flying further away from their dragons. **

"Hah, double knock-out." Snotlout snorted.

As Hicca got up, she noticed that her safety hook has been bent, making her tethered to Midnight. "Um, Hiccup? I think we got a problem here." She said nervously.

"**Actually sis, we've got two problems." Hiccup said, equally nervous. Hicca turned and saw that her brother had the same problem. "Oh boy."**

Late at night, back in the village, most of the people have gone to bed. Hiccup and Hicca were leaning against one of the houses, acting casual as a man walked by them.

"They didn't." Stoick said.

"**Hiccup. Hicca." The man greeted. The twins waved back. As soon as the man left, the twins check to make sure no one is around and then they walked ahead pulling their harnesses to keep Toothless and Midnight with them.**

"They did." Gobber sighed.

"**Hiccup, I will have you know that I think this is a stupid plan that's going to give us a one-way ticket to banishment." Hicca whispered to her brother.**

"So what I'm seeing is that for a month, these two managed to sneak off into the forest every day, make things from the forge without anyone noticing and sneak not one but _two_ dragons into the village?" Stoick asked in disbelief. When did his children become so sneaky?

"Yeah, we need to keep a closer eye on those two." Gobber said.

"**Well, I didn't hear you come up with a better plan." Hiccup retorted as they quietly made their way to the forge. When they reached the forge Toothless stuck his head in a bucket and threw it off while Midnight accidently knocked some swords with her tail. Both these actions made some noises which caught the attention of a certain girl nearby.**

Inside the forge, Hicca and Hiccup work fast to fix the safety hook when suddenly a voice called out to them. "Hiccup? Hicca? Are you two in there?"

"Busted." Tuffnut said.

"How did they get away from this?" Raeda asked.

This caused the twins to freeze "Astrid." Hiccup mouthed to his sister.

"**I can't go." Hicca mouthed back. She was still not on speaking terms with Astrid. Hiccup then got out of the forge, pulling Toothless along with him, much to the dragons' dismay.**

"**Astrid. Hey! Hi, Astrid. Hi, Astrid. Hi, Astrid." Hicca who was overhearing this, silently face-palmed. Her brother was not good at acting subtle at all. She finished fixing her own safety hook and started working on her brothers', while also listening in to the conversation outside.**

"**I normally don't care what people do, but you and your sister are acting weird." Astrid said.**

Just then Toothless spotted a sheep that froze at the sight of a dragon. This caused Hiccup to be pulled back to the door. Hiccup gave a nervous laugh as Hicca silently scolded Toothless, trying to get him to stay.

"**Well, weirder." Astrid said, looking at Hiccup.**

Suddenly, Hiccup was pulled inside. Astrid rushed inside the forge, but to her shock, it was empty. Unbeknownst to her, two teens and two dragons were rushing into the forest, back to a familiar place.

"Wow they were really fast." Fishlegs said.

"Yeah, what else do they get away with?" Snotlout asked.

"A lot of things." Raeda answered knowingly.

13. The Cave

A/N: The story is still alive! Thank you so much for being patient with this. There's going to be another deleted scene in here with Hiccup and Toothless and the credit for the idea goes to Litwick723. If your reading this Litwick723, I hope you and the other readers like this scene. Please read and review.

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Chapter 13: The Cave

The next day came as a nerve-wracking moment for most of the teens. Today, they wouldn't be doing any exercises.

****"****All right everyone! If seen each and every one of you perform in this Arena and I've come to a decision on the top two who will be chosen to go head to head to see who will win the honour of killing their first dragon." He then paused and continued. "This time, however, is going to be a bit different. I decided that instead of making it a top two it's going to be a top three." That got Fishlegs, Snotlout, Ruffnut, Tuffnut and Raeda more excited and nervous. That has never happened before. Obviously Hiccup and Hicca were going to get chosen for their outstanding and consistent performances, but who's going to be the third person chosen? **

****"****The three people chosen are: Hicca, Hiccup and Astrid. Congratulations you three. Raeda, I'm sorry but you just missed out by a hair. Better luck next time."**

Raeda just looked down, a bit disappointed. Hiccup and Hicca looked at her and felt upset for her and guilty.

****"****The three of you train hard and may the best recruit win." Gobbers' voice broke the Haddock twins out of their thoughts. After a round of congratulations, everyone left the Arena except for Hiccup, Hicca and Raeda. **

****"****Hey, congratulations again guys for making it to the top 3." Raeda said to the twins.**

****"****Thanks Rae. I'm really sorry you didn't get chosen as well." Hicca said. She truly was.**

****"****It's fine. I wasn't really looking forward to the extra training I would have to do if I did get chosen." Raeda said a bit

downcast. She then added "It's just a bit frustrating all that training I went through only to narrowly miss out the chance to really show my parents I can be a good shield maiden."**

Raeda's parents were surprised to hear this. She was only doing this for their approval?

Again, the twins felt guilty. Hiccup then spoke up "Rae, you are already a good shield maiden. You don't need to be chosen for this to prove that. I can't think of anyone else who would have the courage to charge into a battlefield with nothing but bows and arrows, two easily breakable weapons, and make them look intimidating."

"**Yeah, Rae. If that doesn't show your parents that you're a good shield maiden, then it's too bad for them because they are missing out on a lot of potential, not just in combat but in arts." Hicca said.**

It was then that everyone fully understood the friendship between these three teens. It wasn't just Raeda looking out for Hiccup and Hicca and cheering them up when they were in need, but it was also the other way around. They always wondered what could have made Raeda possibly befriend the two outcast teens but now they could see how the three of them really look out for each other.

This made Raeda smile "Thanks, guys. I really appreciate it. Good luck against Astrid and each other. I'll be sure to get front row seats to watch you guys."

A battered ship came to the docks and its occupants were not so happy. Gobber approached the ship as the people were coming out.

"Whoa, what happened to the ship?" Tuffnut asked.

"Didn't you not see that part in the fog?" Raeda asked him.

** "****Well, I trust you found the Nest at least." Gobber asked.**

"**Not even close." Stoick said frustrated at their failure.**

"**Ah, excellent." Gobber said sarcastically.**

"How is that excellent?" Snotlout asked, missing the sarcasm.

"That is sarcasm. And that's what happens when you spend time with those twins." Gobber answered, referring to the Haddock twins.

But the Thorston twins didn't know that. "What did we do?" They both asked.

"**I hope you had a little more success than me." Stoick said.**

"**Well, if by success you mean you're parenting troubles are over than yes." Gobber replied**

"You know, you had me thinking Hiccup and Hicca were missing." Stoick said to Gobber.

Before Stoick could ask what he meant by that some of the villagers who stayed behind walked by him congratulating him.

"**Congratulations, Stoick! Everyone is so relieved."**

"**Out with the old and in with the new, right?!"**

"**No one will miss those old nuisances!"**

"**The village is throwing a party to celebrate!"**

Hearing that, Stoick paled and turned to Gobber "They're gone." He asked fearfully.

"**Yeah... most afternoons. But who can blame them? I mean the life of celebrity's very rough. They can barely walk through the village without being swarmed by their new fans." Gobber told him.**

"**Hiccup and Hicca?" Stoick asked, shocked by what he was hearing.**

Stoick felt a bit ashamed. Did he have to look _that_ surprised at his childrens' success?

"**Who would've thought, eh? Those two has this way with the beasts." Gobber said.**

"Oh they sure do." Snotlout said, now knowing the truth.

**What those didn't know was that the twins in question were off flying with two of the "beasts". **

Hiccup was doing some last minute check-ups on Toothless prosthetic tail in the cave while Hicca and Midnight were flying around the Cove as a warm-up.

Toothless looked out to see Hicca and Midnight flying and nudged Hiccup.

"Someone's eager to go flying." Astrid noted.

"**I know, bud. We're going to join them. I just need to make sure everything is alright." Hiccup said.**

Stoick nodded in approval. This can help him avoid dangerous situations in the air.

Getting impatient, Toothless spotted Hiccups' satchel and decided to investigate it. He put his snout in it to try to see the contents. He ended spilling the contents on the floor.

"**Toothless!" Hiccup said. He went to pick up his things while Toothless got a look at Hiccups' journal which was open. The page was open to show a drawing of six familiar teens.**

"Is that us?" Fishlegs asked, looking at the drawing.

"Whoa, I look good on paper." Snotlout said proudly. Astrid and Raeda rolled their eyes.

"Hah, my picture is better than Ruffnuts'!" Tuffnut exclaimed.

"No, my picture is better than yours!" Ruffnut retorted.

Toothless put his paw on the book and started sniffing the page in curiosity. Hiccup took the book from Toothless, but the male Night Fury still had the look of curiosity on him.

"**Do you want to know who these guys are?" Hiccup asked. Toothless nodded.**

"How the heck did he know that?" Gobber wondered.

"**Alright then." Hiccup sat down and put the book on his lap. "These two are the Thorston twins, Ruffnut and Tuffnut. They can be a bit too excited about chaos. They both go looking for destruction and explosions."**

"That is true my good sir." Tuffnut said smiling.

"Keep explaining." Ruffnut encouraged to the screen.

"**For us that could be a disadvantage, ****_but_** **if we could direct that to the enemy it could be useful." Hiccup said.**

This surprised everyone in the Great Hall.

"**I mean they would be really good at distracting the enemies."** **Hiccup said, continuing with his explanation.**

None of the Vikings, even the more experienced and skilled warriors ever thought of it like that.

"**This is Fishlegs." Hiccup said, pointing to Fishlegs' picture. "He knows everything there is to know about dragons, at least from what's mentioned in the Dragon Manual."**

Fishlegs perked up at that. Hiccup talked about it like it was a skill, not an annoyance like most people do.

"**It could come in handy if we ever have to face a dragon that's not mentioned in the Manual, like you and Midnight for example. He could just look at you and analyse all the possible strengths and weaknesses and we can come up with a plan based on that.**

Fishlegs beamed in pride. He remembered the battle against the Red Death. The first thing Hiccup asked for when facing that enormous dragon what an analytical breakdown, which Fishlegs was able to give within seconds.

"**And this is our cousin, Snotlout." Hiccup said, pointing to his cousins' picture.**

Snotlout then leaned in. Over the years, he always taunts and sneers

both of his cousins whenever he saw them. What do they have to say about him?

"**Lots of words are used to describe him. The most common ones are; arrogant, boastful and thick-headed."**

"Hey!" Snotlout exclaimed while everyone else started laughing.

"I agree with him whole-heartedly." Raeda laughed.

"Me too." Astrid agreed not even bothering to conceal her amusement.

"**But as much as I hate to admit it, he can be a good fighter, even the best out of the boys at least, if he could stop bragging and flirting long enough to actually fight."**

Everyone stopped laughing and stared at the screen. Hiccup actually said something sort of nice about Snotlout? He even he considered him to have the potential to be the best from the boys. Even Snotlout was surprised at that, he didn't even give a smug smile at that.

Stoick was impressed by how his son was able to see the other teens' abilities and used them as advantages. He would have just pushed it aside, not seeing any use for them.

"**This is Raeda, our best and only friend. We even consider her as our sister." Hiccup explained. "She's a talented fighter, but an even more talented artist. Hicca and I really wish she could be able to pursue that."**

Raeda smiled at that.

"**And lastly, Astrid, another talented fighter. It's hard to tell who is better."**

"I am." Raeda and Astrid both said in unison, causing everyone to snicker.

Toothless gave him a look, sensing that there is more. Hiccup noticed it and blushed. "And there may be a good chance that a might have a bit of a crush on her."

"Wait, I don't get it, does he have a crush or not?" Tuffnut asked confused.

His twin decided to taunt a blushing Astrid. "Oooh, looks like someone like someone." Ruffnut said in a sing-song voice.

Tuffnut was still confused. "Who is it? I bet it's Fishlegs."

Toothless gave him another look and Hiccup sighed. "Fine, I do like her. Happy now?"

"So he does like her!" Tuffnut exclaimed, causing Astrid to blush even more if possible.

Astrids' parents were deciding to have a talk with Hiccup once he comes out of his coma.

Just then, Hicca and Midnight flew to the cave, where the boys were. "Are you finished checking the tail-fin, bro? We haven't got all day!" Hicca said.

"**Just give me one moment." Hiccup said. He then checked everything from the saddle to the tail-fin and saw that it was in order. "Alright, we're ready. Let's go flying, guys." He got on an excited Toothless and strapped himself in with the cheat-sheet clipped in front of him and the four of them flew off.**

Everyone else leaned in excited to see how their flight goes.

14. The First Official Flight

A/N: I'm back! Here's the new chapter, hope I didn't disappoint.

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Chapter 14: The First Official Flight

"**Okay there, bud, we're gonna take this nice and slow." Hiccup said before he consulted his newly made cheat sheet which was clipped onto his saddle. "Here we go. Here we go... position three, no, four." The teens and dragons flew downwards and then through the sea stacks with perfect manoeuvres. **

Everyone was really impressed, especially towards Hiccup and Toothless.

"You know, for a guy who is not only flying on a dragon but also controlling one-half of the said dragons tail-fin, Hiccup is handling this perfectly." Gobber commented.

"**Yes, it worked!" "Alright!"**

All was going well until...

"**Sorry!" Hiccup shouted as he flew Toothless into one of the sea stacks **

"Cool!" Ruffnut and Tuffnut exclaimed, while everyone winced.

"**That's my fault." He apologised as he flew him into another one seconds later. **

"Go Hiccup and Toothless!" The blonde twins cheered.

Annoyed, Toothless hit him with his ear plate "Yeah, yeah, I'm on it."

"**You have a cheat sheet in front of you and you're still crashing into sea stacks. That's just sad." Hicca called out as she and Midnight flew by the boys' side.**

"Valid point." Fishlegs commented.

"**Hey! I'd like to see you try and control half a dragons' tailfin!" Hiccup retorted before checking his cheat sheet "Position four, uh, three."**

Stoick sighed, hoping his son wouldn't make any major mistakes.

**Then he and Toothless flew upwards followed by Hicca and Midnight. **

"**Woo-hoo! This is so cool!" Hicca shouted feeling the rush of adrenaline kick in.**

Everyone was awe-struck at the increasing height at which the two teens and dragons were soaring. The dragons started twitching their wings, wanting to go out flying.

"**Oh, this is amazing! The wind in my..." Before Hiccup could finish his sentence, the rapid wind blew the cheat sheet out of the clip of the saddle, making it fly above Hiccup. "CHEAT SHEET! STOP!" he yelled out as he tried to catch the cheat sheet. He caught it, but when he jumped from the saddle, his harness got unhook by the saddle causing Hiccup and Toothless to free-fall, much to theirs and the girls horrors.**

The awe-struck was replaced by horror as the audience mimicked Hicca and Midnights' expressions. Stoick felt his heart stop.

"**HICCUP! TOOTHLESS!" Hicca yelled before she and Midnight dived down to try and save them "Hang on, guys! Hang on! We're coming!"**

**As they were falling, Hiccup tried desperately to get back on the saddle. "Alright! You gotta angle yourself! Okay, no, no, no... come back down towards me! Come back down- YOW!" He yelled as Toothless accidently hit him with his tailfin. **

"**Faster Midnight! Faster!" Hicca cried, hoping to get to the boys in time.**

Everyone started shouting in panic and fear, hoping Hicca and Midnight would catch up to the falling boys. Even the dragons started roaring at the screen. Stoick felt like he couldn't breath as he watched his son lose altitude by the second.

Fortunately, Hiccup just managed to reattach himself back to the saddle, with his cheat sheet in his mouth. Hicca and Hiccup then pulled their dragons out and into oncoming sea stacks. Hiccup tried to look at that the cheat sheet, but the wind was making him unable to see it. He then decided to throw the cheat sheet away and let his instincts take over. Both he and his sister guided their dragons through the sea stacks without bumping into each other. They moved in perfect sync, it was like all four of them have the same mind-set.

It took both Vikings and dragons a second to process what they saw and when they did, they started yelling and cheering in joy. Ruffnut and Tuffnut were making plans of trying that stunt with Barf and Belch, Snotlout was quickly wiping off the sweat on his forehead

before anyone noticed, Fishlegs released the hold he had on Meatlug and Astrid and Raeda both gave out sighs of relief.

It took Stoick a bit longer to get over his shock and the Berkian chief simply unfroze and breathed normally.

Gobber patted his friend on the shoulder. "Takes a lot more than that to get rid of either Hiccup or Hicca, eh?"

Still speechless by what he just saw, Stoick simply nodded. He is _definitely_ never letting his children out of his sights again.

After they made it out of the sea stacks, it took a few minutes for the twins to register what happened before they raised their hands up in triumph. "YEEAHHH!" "WE DID THAT!" they shouted. Midnight and Toothless decided to add to the celebration by firing one plasma blast each, much to the twins' dismay.

"**Ah, come on!" "Oh great!" they muttered as they flew into the inferno.**

Now relaxed, the Vikings simply chuckled at the auburn twins' misfortune.

After that, they landed on a deserted place. Hicca and Midnight were catching fish to eat while Hiccup and Toothless were gathering wood to get a fire going. The four of them sat down and enjoyed the view of the sunset, while eating fishes. Toothless and Midnight regurgitated one fish each to offer to their riders while their fishes were cooking.

"**It's fine Midnight. My fish is almost done." Hicca said politely.**

"**Uh... no thanks. I'm good." Hiccup said showing Toothless his fish.**

The dragons immediately raised their heads at the sight of all those fishes.

"**Well, overall I'd say it was a good official first time flight." Hicca said.**

"**Yeah, if you ignore the near-death and the flying into fire part." Hiccup said sarcastically.**

"Always look on the bright side." Gobber said.

**Suddenly a group of Terrible Terrors came by, attracted to the fish. **

The other dragons snorted. Those tiny dragons were _really_ annoying. The Terrible Terrors, however, stood in pride of their spotlight.

**As they came closer, Toothless and Midnight gave a warning growl, protectively keeping their fishes away from the smaller dragons. This did not deter the Terrible Terrors though as one of them grabbed the fish that Toothless regurgitated for Hiccup. **

The Terrible Terror shown shot out a little fireball as a victory.

Another Terror came and snatch it away causing the two Terrors to start fighting.

The same Terror glared at the other Terror.

**Toothless and Midnight snorted at the sight until one of the fish caught Toothless' eye. It started to move on its own! **

"The fish is alive!" Tuffnut exclaimed.

**Toothless then took the fish and ate it, revealing another Terrible Terror behind the deception. **

"Oh." Tuffnut said in understanding. "Sneaky Terror, I should try that."

Upset about losing the fish, the dragon was getting ready to fire at Toothless. But just as it opened its mouth, Toothless fire a plasma blast at its mouth, causing the dragon the fall down, then stumble away defeated.

"Woah." Fishlegs said.

"**Not so fireproof on the inside, are you?" Hiccup noted.**

"**I'll add this to the journal." Hicca said, taking the journal out of her satchel. **

As she was writing this new piece of information down, Hiccup tossed one of his fish towards the Terrible Terror. "There you go." The dragon ate it up instantly and then went to lie down next to Hiccup.

"**Any idea on how we can use this in the nest training without anybody getting suspicious?" Hicca asked. When her brother didn't answer her, she looked up and saw him stroking the sleeping Terrible Terror next to him. She then got up and went to sit next to him.**

Hiccup then came to a realisation "Everything we know about you guys is wrong."

** "****All this time, we've been fighting against dragons when we could be living in peace with them. It could have saved so many lives both human and dragons." Hicca said, looking at the sleeping Terror.**

Everyone silently agreed to this. If only someone like Hiccup and Hicca existed before.

15. The Helmets

**A/N: I'm back! Still working on my rewrite of my other three fics, so for now here's the new update. Also in response to a Guest review,

I'm not sure how you have been waiting three months for the new chapter because my last chapter was posted LAST MONTH. And I have mentioned that my update will not be so regular because I do get busy, but I'm not going to abandon my stories anytime soon so you are just going to have to stay patient. Anyways, please read and review!**

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Chapter 15: The Helmets

At night Hiccup and Hicca went back to their room in the forge, contemplating on their new discovery. They didn't notice someone entering their room until they looked up and jumped from their places.

"**Dad! You're back! Gobber's not here, so..." Hiccup said, trying to be casual while covering the drawings he and Hicca made of Toothless and Midnight.**

Stoick frowned at that. Those two were quick to assume that he was only there for Gobber?

"**I know. I came looking for you two." Stoick said in a serious tone.**

"**You did?" Hiccup asked, surprised.**

"**Why?" Hicca asked wearily. **

"**You two have been keeping secrets." Stoick said bluntly. This caused the twins to start worrying, but they did their best not to show it.**

"Wait, did he know about Toothless and Midnight?" Ruffnut asked shocked. Her twin had the same expression.

"**We...have?" Hiccup asked, trying to play dumb.**

"**W-what secrets?" Hicca asked as well.**

"Those two are not good at being casual." Snotlout commented.

"**Just how long did you think you could hide it from me?"**

"**We don't know what you're..."**

"**Nothing happens on this island without me hearing about it."**

"**Oh?" Hiccup asked, getting tenser.**

"**So, let's talk about those dragons." Stoick said.**

"How did he know?!" Tuffnut asked.

"Is he psychic?" Ruffnut wondered. She then turned to the chief. "Are you psychic chief?"

Stoick was too busy face-palming to answer her. He was so close to finding out about Toothless and Midnight, but maybe it was better that way based on his initial reaction towards those dragons.

Hicca and Hiccup paled. How did he find out their secret? No wonder he looks grim. Oh, they have some explaining to do.

"**Oh, gods. Dad, we're so sorry. We were going to tell you. We just didn't know how to-" Hiccup began to explain but was then cut off by their dads' laughter. Shocked by this, the twins laughed nervously. Why is their dad laughing?**

"**You're...happy about this." Hicca stated with uncertainty.**

"**You're not... upset?" Hiccup asked.**

"**What?! I was hoping for this!" Stoick said with joy.**

"Uh, am I missing something, here?" Ruffnut asked.

"Apparently, the chief wanted his children to befriend Night Furies this whole time." Tuffnut guessed.

This confused the twins even further. What?

"**Uh... you were?" Hiccup asked, wondering if they were on the same page.**

"**And believe me, it only gets better! Just wait 'till one of you spill a Nadder's guts for the first time! And mount your first Gronckle head on a spear! WHAT A FEELING!" Stoick said in excitement. This caused the twins to sigh. Of course, their dad would be talking about their performances in the Arena. There was no way he could miss something like that. The mention of the Nadders' gut and Gronckle head on a spear made Hicca mentally shudder. Those images were going to haunt her for a while. **

"Ohhhhhh." The Thorston twins said, now understanding that their chief was talking about the Haddock twins progress in the Arena.

Her father didn't notice her discomfort and continued. "You two really had me going there. All those years of two of the ****_worst_** Vikings Berk has ever seen! Odin, it was rough! I almost gave up on both of you! And all the while, you two were holding out on me! THOR ALMIGHTY!"**

This made the twins crest-fallen. 'Two of the worst Vikings'? They knew that they weren't exactly the best with the way they always cause destruction to the village and their inability to any weapon other than a dagger, but were they ****_that _**bad?**

Stoick looked at the ground in shame, now realising how much those words have hurt his children. Honestly, at that time he didn't think about what he was saying. He was just overjoyed to hear about Hiccup

and Hicca excelling in Dragon Training. Gobber face-palmed at the scene, his friend can be really oblivious at times. Raeda looked at her two best friends with sympathy, they've heard worse.

"**Ah. With both of you doing so well in the ring, we ****_finally_**** have something to talk about." Stoick said. He then sat down, eagerly waiting for his kids to speak. There was an awkward pause as the twins felt uncomfortable. This is what they've always wanted, yet now they wished this wasn't happening. Yes, they still want a better relationship with their dad but not like this, not because they were using tricks to be good at dragon training. Neither of them could say anything.**

"Awkward." Tuffnut said in a sing-song voice. Astrid immediately punched him to the ground.

**Stoick decided to break the silence. "Oh, I... brought you two something, to keep both of you safe in the ring." He then handed them two horned helmets. **

"**Wow. Thanks." Hiccup said sincerely.**

"**You didn't have to dad." Hicca said as she took her helmet. **

"**Your mother would've wanted both of you to have it. She had these made just for you two after you were born. Wear it proudly. Both of you deserve it. You've held up your end of the deal."**

The mood became solemn as the Vikings remembered the chiefs late wife.

**This made the twins uncomfortable again. If only he knew. **

Hiccup then gave a fake-yawn "We should really get to bed."

"**Yeah, we can't go into the Arena half-asleep." Hicca said, catching on to what her brother was doing.**

Stoick realizing they were right started getting up to leave "Yes! Good! Okay. Good talk. See you back at the house. I hope you uh, like the helmets." He said awkwardly as he stumbled on a few things on his way out.

"**Yeah, good talk. We should definitely to this again."**

"**Thanks again for the hats."**

Hiccup then looked at his sister and remembered something "Oh, dad wait!" He called out.

"**Yes, son?" **

Everyone, except for Stoick, was curious to hear what Hiccup wanted to say.

"**Uh, Hicca had something she needed to tell you about regarding

the future." Hiccup said, giving a look to his sister that said 'tell him now'.**

Raeda immediately understood what Hiccup was trying to bring up.

Knowing what her brother was talking about, Hicca took a deep breath "Uh, y-yes the future. Um...well I just...wanted to make sure you'll be able to come watch us at the Arena tomorrow." She said meekly, causing Hiccup to face-palm. That was not what he wanted her to say!

"How did I miss that?" Stoick wondered to himself, looking at his son on-screen.

Oblivious to his sons' face-palm, Stoick answered Hiccas' question. "Of course, Hicca. In fact, I'll be getting the best view to watch you two."

"**Good, that's good. So we'll just finish up here and head home." Hicca said still feeling nervous.**

"**Okay, don't stay up late either of you." With that he left.**

Seeing the look on her brothers' face, Hicca spoke up "I know what you're going to say, Hiccup. I panicked, okay? I just wasn't ready to tell him that I want to be a healer."

"**Hicca, do you realize how lucky you are? You know exactly who you are and who you're supposed to be. You have a gift that can help so many people if you are given the chance. I don't have that luxury! You know that!"**

Everyone, except for Raeda, was surprised at that. Was that how Hiccup really felt?

"**I know, I know. Hopefully, if I don't get chosen for the final exam, I can try telling dad but..." She then went in deep thought, a distressed look on her face. Hiccup noticed that.**

The villagers started to worry when they saw the distress appearing on the younger Haddocks face.

"**Sis, are you okay?" He asked, worried.**

"**I don't think I can do this, Hiccup. Kill a dragon. I couldn't do it before and I definitely can't do it now. I don't what I'm going to do if I get chosen. I-" She started to panic. Hiccup then went by her side to give her a hug, calming her down.**

"**Sis, it's going to be okay. You won't get chosen. We'll let Astrid win and she'll get chosen. Tomorrow, you just run away from the dragon and let me do better than you. There'll be a less likely chance for you to get chosen that way." Hiccup said.**

"So much for that plan." Fishlegs muttered, remembering what happened in the Arena.

**Hicca nodded, however still felt a bit panicked. With them, there's

absolutely no guarantee that their plans will work. She just hope tomorrow will be an exception.**

Trying to lighten his sisters' mood, Hiccup spoke up "You asked the chief if he was going to attend an event that no doubt every villager is going to come to. How are you the better liar than me?"

This worked. Forgetting her distress, Hicca rolled her eyes "Please! Have you ever heard your own lies?"

That lightened the mood as everyone chuckled at the playful banter.

16. Exposed

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Chapter 16: Exposed

The next, the Arena was filled with every Viking in the village, all there to see three teens battle it out to decide who will get chosen for the Final Exam.

On the ground were numerous barriers set up as a Gronckle roamed around, looking for targets. Hiding behind one of those barriers was Hiccup, who was then joined by Astrid. As Hiccup tried to move away, Astrid held his shield down " You and your sister stay out of my way. I'm winning this thing."Astrid said firmly, before running off.

Astrid winced at her own harshness

"**Good. Please, by all means." Hiccup said sincerely as he got up. He looked to the side to and saw his sister behind another barrier, being sure to keep her distance from the dragon. He then looked up and saw his father watching him and his sister with a proud smile on his face. Hiccup held his axe and shield up, trying to show enthusiasm and failing. Unbeknownst to him, the Gronckle spotted him and started flying towards him.**

Meanwhile, Astrid switched from barrier to barrier, determine to win. "This time! This time, for sure!" She said to herself. She then gave a battle cry and charged after the Gronckle-

-only to find it seemingly defeated by Hiccup already.

This pushed Astrid even further if possible.

"**AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAUGGGGGHHHHHHHH! NO! NO! SON OF HALF-TROLL, RAT-EATING MUNGE BUCKET!" She yelled as she threw her axe.**

Blushing, Astrid shrunk in. 'Was I really that much of a sore loser.'

"**Wait! Wait!" Stoick said, shushing the crowd.**

"**So, later." Hiccup said, trying to leave. But he was stopped

by Gobber.**

"**Not so fast." He said**

"**Hicca and I are actually kinda late for-" He was then cut off by Astrid who held her axe close to Hiccups'
neck.**

"**_What?!_**** Late for what, exactly?!" Astrid said, angry at yet another defeat.**

"Someone doesn't look so happy." Ruffnut taunted in a sing-song voice. Astrid choose not to reply to that

"**Astrid, leave him alone!" Hicca shouted getting walking closer to the two.**

"**Okay, quiet down. The elder has decided." Stoick announced giving space for Gothi, the village elder.**

Gobber raised his hand pointing to Astrid. Gothi shook her to say no. Gobber then pointed to Hicca. She closed her eyes and, along with her brother, held her breath. If Astrid wasn't chosen then it's either her or her brother and she didn't know which choice was worst. Again, Gothi shook her head to say no. As much as she was impressed by the young Haddock girls' performance in training, her medical skills were more impressive and the elder felt that Hicca would be a better healer than warrior.

That only left...

**Gobber raised his hook above Hiccups' head and Gothi nodded. The crowd burst into applause. Hiccup was chosen! **

"**You've done it! You've done it, Hiccup! You get to kill the dragon!" Gobber said, congratulating his apprentice.**

"**Ha, ha! That's my boy!" Stoick said proudly, although he was a bit disappointed that his daughter didn't get chosen.**

Hicca gave him a hug, which to everyone else, looked like she was congratulating him.

**She whispered in his ear "This is not part of the plan Hiccup! What are going to do now?" **

**Hiccup couldn't answer that as Fishlegs and Snotlout came and hoisted him on their shoulders. **

"**Heh. Oh, yeah! Yes! I can't wait. I am so..."**

"**... LEAVING! We're leaving. Let's pack up. Looks like you and me are taking a little vacation, forever." Hiccup called to Toothless as he walking in the Cove carrying a basket, with his sister walking behind him with her own basket.**

"WHAT?!" Everyone shouted. They knew that the auburn twins were put in a difficult situation, but were they seriously going to run away?

"Wait, if they were going to run away then what kept them here?" Fishlegs asked, everyone agreed with his question.

Well not everyone.

Astrid thought back on that day and had a pretty good idea on why they were still there...

"**Hopefully we can find a place that is not in war with dragons." Hicca said.**

"**Yeah, that will be easy." Hiccup said sarcastically as he set his basket near a boulder and got down to check everything inside it. A ****_shring_**** sound caused him to look up and see Astrid sit on top of the boulders, sharpening her axe with a stone.**

"Uh-oh, Astrid and her axe." Snotlout said.

"This is going to be good." Tuffnut said excitedly.

"**Aggh! What the- What are you doing here?" Hiccup asked, trying to sound casual. This caused his sister to turn around and see Astrid as well, causing her to panic. Oh no.**

Astrid stopped sharpening her axe and turned to the twins "I want to know what's going on." She got off the boulder and walked closer to the twins. "No one just gets as good as you two do. ****_Especially_** you two. Start talking! Are you two training with someone?" She asked causing the two in question to stutter nervously.**

"**Uh... training?" Hiccup said, panicking.**

"**It better not involve this!" Astrid said, gesturing to the riding vests.**

"**I know this looks really bad, but you see...this is, uh..." Hiccup tried to explain, but then a sound from behind them caught Astrids' attention and she started moving towards it to investigate.**

"They are sooo busted." Snotlout said. He will never admit it out loud, but Astrids' interrogative glare is as frightening as her regular glare.

"**Wait! Hang on, Astrid! We can explain." Hicca said.**

Hiccup then stepped in front of Astrid, trying to stop her. "You're right! You're right. We're through with the lies. We've been making... outfits."

"Outfits, Hiccup, really?" Raeda asked shaking her head. "I actually can't imagine him coming up with a better explanation."

"**So, you got us. It's time everyone knew. Drag us back. Go ahead. Here we go." He then took her hand, which he regretted doing so as Astrid bends his arm back painfully causing Hiccup to fall. "OW! Why would you do that?!"**

"**That's for the lies." Astrid before dropping her axe making the handle bounced on Hiccups' stomach before catching. "And ****_THAT'S_**** for everything else."**

The boys winced at the scene, having been on the receiving side of that before.

That pushed Hicca to the edge "Astrid, that's enough okay?! All we did was doing better in training! That's what the whole village wanted us to do! So just back off!" She yelled, pushing Astrid back

"**You back off, Hicca!" Astrid yelled shoving her back.
**

"Fight, fight, fight, fight!" Ruffnut and Tuffnut chanted excitedly. They were cut off when Astrid and Raeda punched them in the face again, not that the blonde twins were complaining.

Before Hicca could say anything else, Toothless and Midnight decided to make their presence known to the blonde girl, angry at her for attacking their humans.

Seeing them made Astrid gasp "Get down!" she said pushing Hiccup, who was starting to get up, back to the ground. Toothless saw this as an attack towards Hiccup and started charging towards her with Midnight right behind him.

"**RUN! RUN!" Astrid yelled to the twins as she got up and got her axe ready. Before she could swing, Hiccup got up and snatched the axe out of her hands while Hicca came in front of the two dragons to calm them down.**

"Awesome!" The Thorston twins said as they recovered from their injuries...only to be given more.

"**Guys, settle down! It's okay. Hiccup and I are fine. We're not hurt."**

"**It's okay! It's okay... she's a friend. It's okay." Hiccup added. He then turned to Astrid "You just scared them." He told her.**

_"_**_I_**** scared ****_them_****?!" Astrid yelled incredulously. Then realization hit her. "Who is 'them'?" she asked in a low voice.**

When neither of them could come up with an excuse, Hiccup spoke up "Astrid, Toothless and Midnight. Toothless and Midnight, Astrid." He introduced the three. He and his sister already knew what the outcome is going to be.

"Well he did answer her question." Gobber commented.

Just as they predicted, Astrid gave them a look of disgust and ran away from them, towards the path of the village.

"**And there she goes." Hicca sighed. Of all the people to find out their secret, it had to be Astrid.**

"**Da, da, da! We're dead." Hiccup stated.**

Glad that the blonde girl has left, Toothless and Midnight gave shrugs and started to leave.

"**Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa! Where do you two think you're going?!" Hiccup asked to the dragons.**

"**Get back here guys! We have a mission!" Hicca called out.**

"What are those two planning now?" Gobber asked. No one answered, afraid of what theories they could come up with.

Astrid ran through the forest as fast as she could, turning around to make sure the Haddock twins weren't following her, when suddenly she was grabbed from above!

Everyone, except for Astrid, yelped in shock.

"**Oh, Great Odin's ghost! Oh, this is it!" she yelled as she saw the view of the ground, not quite amazed at the sight as Hicca was. Toothless then flew her on top of a tall tree, making her hang on to a branch before settling on top of it. Hicca and Midnight flew around the three of them.**

Astrids' parents looked at the screen intently. Clearly their daughter was alive after that, but still if she got hurt from that, they would definitely be having a talk with both Hiccup and Hicca.

"**Hiccup! Hicca! Get me ****_down_**** from here!" Astrid yelled.**

"**Or what Astrid?" Hicca yelled back, happy with the turn of events.**

"Hicca seems to be enjoying this." Raeda noted.

"This is pretty cool." Tuffnut said, earning a glare from Astrid.

"**You have to give us a chance to explain." Hiccup said.**

"**I am ****_not_**** listening to ****_ANYTHING_**** you have to say!" Astrid shouted.**

"**You hear that Hiccup? She obviously doesn't let's just leave her there." Hicca said before guiding Midnight to leave.**

"Whoa, was she really going to leave Astrid there?" Snotlout asked surprised.

"I'm liking this girl more and more." Ruffnut commented.

"**Hicca get ****_back _****here!" Hiccup said in a soft yet strict voice. Rolling her eyes, Hicca made Midnight stay.**

Hiccup then turned to Astrid "Then I won't speak. Just let me ****_show_** you. Please Astrid." He offered extending his hand for her to take. Astrid looked him, mentally debating on whether to agree or not, when Hicca spoke up.**

"**I hate to point out the obvious Astrid, but that's kind of the only choice you have. You know, if you still want to live." She said nonchalantly.**

"She has a point." Fishlegs commented.

Realizing Hicca is right, Astrid got on Toothless' saddle, pushing Hiccups' hand away. Toothless gave a growl, warning the girl not to do anything to harm Hiccup.

"**Now, get me down." Astrid ordered.**

Hiccup complied "Toothless, down. ****_Gently._**" Toothless, however, had other plans. He started to slowly spread his wings. Catching on to what her mate was planning to do, Midnight flew a bit away from the three, giving Toothless a clear path. Oblivious, to what his dragon was up to, Hiccup turned to Astrid "See? Nothing to be afraid of." He soon regretted saying that as Toothless shot into the air!**

"Whoa!" Everyone, except Astrid, said.

"**Wow, you guys never cease to amaze me." Hicca commented, watching Toothless fly at breakneck speed. She and Midnight then went to catch up with them.**

"**WHOA! TOOTHLESS! WHAT IS ****_WRONG_**** WITH YOU?! BAD DRAGON! He's not usually like this." Hiccup yelled as Astrid screamed, completely frightened, trying to hang on.**

Toothless then took a plunge towards the ocean. "Oh, no..." Hiccup muttered, realising what Toothless was going to do next. Toothless kept diving in and out of the ocean. "Toothless, what are you doing?! We need her to ****_like_** us!"**

"That is so awesome. I'm going to do that with Barf!" Ruffnut exclaimed.

"Nuh-uh, I'm going to do that with Belch!" Tuffnut argued.

"I'm going to do it first!"

"No I will!"

No I will!"

Soon the words were substituted with fists.

Hicca watched the scene in front of her from a safe distance with Midnight, impressed with the stunts Toothless was performing. "That actually looks like fun." Hicca commented.

"Of course, Hicca would find that fun." Stoick sighed, hoping his daughter wouldn't try that with Midnight when she goes flying, but then realises it was pointless; she was definitely going to try

that.

"Duh, who wouldn't find that fun?" Tuffnut asked, briefly pausing his fight with his twin before resuming.

Toothless then flew up and started spinning in the air, terrifying Astrid even further "And now the spinning. Thank you for nothing, you useless reptile." Hiccup said sarcastically.

The humans and dragons were amazed at Hiccups' ability to keep his sarcasm at a time like that.

Having had enough, Astrid breathed out "Okay! I am sorry! I'm sorry! Just get me off of this thing!" She pleaded, burying her face behind Hiccups back.

**That was all Toothless needed to hear as he stopped spinning and flew upwards, towards the clouds with Midnight following him.
**

"Wait, did Toothless do all that just to get an apology from Astrid?" Fishlegs asked surprised.

"Apparently." Astrid answered.

**When Astrid opened her eyes and looked up, she was awestruck by the sight. The clouds was like a soft layer beneath the teens and dragons while sunset reflected beautifully in the sky. She couldn't help but smile as she touched the clouds. **

The Vikings were amazed by what they were seeing. It was something that no one, not even the most experienced Vikings have ever seen before. It was truly a beautiful sight.

Hicca saw Astrid smile and remembered the girl that used to be her best friend, the girl she really misses.

"**Alright, I admit it. This is pretty cool. It's... ****_amazing_****. They are amazing." Astrid admitted, looking at both Toothless and Midnight. "Sorry again for how I was acting before." She opened her mouth to say more, but then she hesitated. Instead, she asked Hiccup a question.**

"**So, what now? Hiccup, your final exam is tomorrow. You know you're going to have to kill a..." She then whispered in his ear so that Midnight and Toothless wouldn't listen. "...kill a dragon."**

This reminded the twins of the upcoming difficulty.

"**Don't remind me." Hiccup muttered.**

"**We honestly don't know what to do. There's no way Hiccup is going to go through with that." Hicca sighed.**

The three of them were too busy the problem, that none of them noticed Toothless and Midnights' ears perked up as if they heard something from a distance.

"Does anyone else notice how Toothless and Midnight changed their

expression?" Fishlegs asked. Everyone, except for Astrid and the dragons, nodded.

Without any warning, the two dragons suddenly turned to another direction much to the teens' surprise.

"Where are they going?" Stoick asked, turning to Astrid.

"You're about to find out chief." Astrid said with a grimace.

17. The Nest

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Chapter 17: The Nest

"**Toothless, what's happening? Whoa, what is it?"**

"**Midnight, where are you two going?"**

Everyone, except for Astrid and the dragons, wanted to know the same thing.

The three of them then looked up and saw other dragons flying alongside them. The dragons noticed the teens on the two Night Furies, but did nothing as they continued on their path. "Get down!" Hiccup whispered and they ducked, avoiding the dragons flying above them.

"Whoa, there are a lot of dragons flying there." Fishlegs noted.

"Doesn't that path look familiar?" Gobber wondered.

Stoick didn't answer as he was starting to put two and two together.

"**What's going on?" Astrid asked.**

"**I don't know. Toothless, You and Midnight have got to get us out of here, bud." Hiccup pleaded, not liking where this is going. **

"**Midnight, come on! Both of you turn back." Hicca whispered, pulling on Midnights' saddle.**

"Why aren't they turning back?" One of the villagers asked.

"I don't know. Maybe they couldn't." Astrid guessed.

The two dragons, however, ignored the twins and continued on their path. "It looks like they're hauling in their kill." Hiccup noted as he saw the other dragons fly by.

"**Uh, what does that make us?" Astrid asked nervously.**

"Please don't tell me you guys went to the Dragons' Nest." Stoick said, remembering the monster that once existed.

"I wish, chief." Astrid replied, shuddering at the memory.

"**Don't worry. We'll be fine. Toothless and Midnight will not let that happen to us." Hicca said confidently.**

The reached an island with a huge mountain in the centre. They followed the other dragons towards a passageway. After seeing millions of dragons gather there, it then dawned on the three of them where they were.

"**Is this what I think it is?" Hicca asked her eyes wide.**

"**What our dad wouldn't give to find this." Hiccup commented in disbelief.**

Stoick paled as his fears were confirmed. 'They are still alive, both of them. They are safe in your house.'

Toothless and Midnight quickly took the teens on a ledge where they then watched as the other dragons started dropping their food in a seemingly empty pit.

"**It's satisfying to know that all of our food has been dumped down a hole." Hiccup said sarcastically.**

"How can he be sarcastic at a time like this?" Gobber asked.

"Talent." Raeda answered.

"**They're not eating any of it." Astrid noted.**

"**That doesn't make any sense. Why would they go through all that trouble to get the food from our village if they are just going to throw it down a hole?" Hicca asked, trying to figure out an explanation.**

The dragons all shrunk back, dreading what is going to happen next.

They continued to watch as a Gronckle suddenly came near the pit, only to regurgitate a tiny fish. A loud roar suddenly shook the mountain as the Gronckle was eaten by a large head that appeared from below!

Everyone gasped and stepped away from the screen, especially those who haven't seen the Red Death. The children clutched on to their parents for dear, clearly terrified of the beast.

The three teens froze in shock and fear. They have never even ****_heard _**of anything like that! That's why dragons have been raiding them all this time. For them it's actually kill or be killed.**

"**What is that?" Astrid whispered. To say she was terrified now

was an understatement.**

"**That's a monster! We have to leave, right now! Come on, Midnight!" Hicca urged.**

"**Alright, buddy, we gotta get out of here. Now!" Hiccup told his dragon.**

But it was too late as the monster saw the teens and the dragons and went to eat them!

Everyone held their breaths, forgetting that the three teens and two dragons were clearly alive.

Luckily Toothless and Midnight flew out of there just in time, flying through the opening above. The monster nearly got Midnight by the tailfin, if it hadn't been for an unfortunate Zippleback that flew in its' path. The Zippleback was then dragged to the ground where it disappeared, much to Hiccas' horror as she looked back.

The Vikings and dragon hung their heads low, all were sad about what happened to the Gronckle and Zippleback.

"**No, it totally makes sense. It's like a giant beehive. They're the workers, and ****that's**** their queen. It controls them." Astrid said, putting two and two together. As soon as they landed back in the Cove, Astrid jumped off Toothless and started running towards the village. "Come on, guys! Let's find your dad." Astrid called out. **

"**No!" Hiccup and Hicca shouted.**

"Why not?" Snotlout asked.

"Did you remember your reactions in the Final Exam?" Raeda countered.

"**No! Not yet. They'll... kill Toothless and Midnight. Astrid, we have to think this through carefully." Hiccup explained.**

"**As soon as they find out we befriended Night Furies, they're not going to listen to anything else." Hicca added.**

"**Hiccup, Hicca, we just discovered the Dragons' Nest. The thing we've been after since Vikings first sailed here. And you two want to keep it a secret?! To protect your pet dragons?! Are you guys serious?!" Astrid asked in disbelief.**

The twins looked her in the eyes and answered in a firm voice "Yes." This caught Astrid completely off guard. She was not expecting this at all. Here where the two runts of the village, both strongly standing up to her to protect the ones they care about. They didn't even stutter or hesitate. She could see the determination in both of them. She couldn't help but feel proud of them. Looks like befriending dragons has helped them a lot.

All the Vikings, especially Stoick and Gobber, were taken aback at the amount of determination both the twins displayed. They could

immediately imagine the chief with that expression. Astrid smiled in pride at seeing how bravely the auburn twins stood up to her.

"**Okay. Then what do we do?" She asked. Hicca turned to her brother, hoping he would have an answer. **

Thinking about it, Hiccup spoke up "Just give us until tomorrow. We'll figure something out." He said.

"**Okay." Astrid then punched him on his shoulder. "That's for kidnapping me."**

Everyone chuckled at that. That was so expected.

Rubbing his shoulder, Hiccup turned to Toothless who was drinking water by the pond with his mate. Now that the dragons know that Astrid is not a threat, Hiccup is on his own. Then, to Hiccups' surprise, Astrid gave him a quick kiss on the cheek. "That's for... everything else." She said shyly before running off.

Astrids' face turned scarlet after that, yet she regretted nothing.

Dazed by the kiss, Hiccup turned to see that Toothless and Midnight came over to him and were now staring at him. "W-what are you two looking at?" He stuttered. He then noticed his sister has gone quiet. "Hicca, are you okay?" He asked. Midnight crooned at her rider, also concerned.

Hicca turned to her brother "Midnight and I nearly got eaten by that monster, Hiccup. I mean if that Zippleback didn't fly in its' path then..." She shuddered at the thought. Hiccup then went to comfort her.

No one said a word as they tried desperately not to think about that. There was a collective shudder across the room.

"**Hey sis, don't worry. You're both safe now. We won't be going back there any time soon. Okay?"**

Stoick welcomed the guilt back as he remembered that just the next day, Hiccup would be wrong and the chief would be the reason for that.

Taking a deep, shaky breath, Hicca managed a smile "Okay." She then remembered something "We've been making ****_'outfits'_** bro? Seriously?"**

The previous seriousness melted away as everyone watched the Haddock twins joking with each other.

Hiccup looked sheepish "Hey, I panicked okay? You know how intimidating she can get."

"**This is why I'm a better liar than you."**

"**Oh, really? Then why didn't you come up with a better lie when we needed it? Hmmm?"**

18. No Longer His Children

A/N: Yay! Finally got another update after such a long time! Without wasting any more time, enjoy!

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Chapter 18: No Longer Vikings

The day Hiccup, Hicca and Astrid dreaded came. It was the day of Hiccups' Final Exam where he will have to kill a dragon in front of the entire village. Everyone was gathered at the Arena, cheering and shouting Hiccups' name as Stoick gave his speech.

Everyone in the Great Hall sat in silence as they watched the very familiar scene.

"**Well, I can show my face in public again! If someone had told me that in just few short weeks, Hiccup and Hicca would go from being, well... as they are, to the top two students in Dragon Training... Well, I would've tied him to a mast and shipped him off for fear he had lost his mind.. Yes! And you know it! But here we are. And no one's more surprised or more proud than I am. Today, Hiccup becomes a Viking. TODAY, HE BECOMES ONE OF US!" He yelled in joy as the crowd continued to cheer.**

Inside the Arena near the gate, Hicca and Hiccup were listening to the speech, the latter growing more and more nervous as he heard the speech. How is their dad going to feel when he finds out the truth?

**Sensing her brothers' distress, Hicca turned to him "It's going to be okay Hiccup. Dad always tells us that sometimes a chief needs to make hard choices that people may not agree on based on what he believes in." **

Stoick would have felt pride, knowing that was true and that Hiccup following through exactly, if it wasn't for the situation they were watching.

"**Try not to aggravate the dragon." Astrid advised Hiccup as she came from behind, holding her axe.**

"**The dragon's not really my main concern right now." Hiccup said, watching Stoick take his seat.**

"**Please tell me you have some kind of plan." Astrid pleaded.**

"**We did make a plan." Hiccup said.**

"Wasn't really the best plan." Gobber commented.

"**It's not one hundred percent guaranteed to work, but it's the only option right now." Hicca said sadly.**

"**Hicca, Astrid, I need you both to promise that if something does go wrong in the Arena, that no one finds Toothless and

Midnight." Hiccup requested**

"**Of course Hiccup." Hicca promised.**

"**We will and we need you to promise us that nothing will go wrong in the Arena." Astrid said.**

Hiccup didn't reply as Gobber came and started walking Hiccup inside the Arena "It's time, Hiccup. Knock him dead." Gobber then went to join Stoick in the stands. Just before the gate shut, Astrid used the tip of the blade of her axe as a wedge between the gate and the floor. "Just in case." Astrid told Hicca, noticing her questioning glance.

"It did come in handy." Raeda said.

As Hiccup entered, the Vikings cheered even louder.

"**Show 'em how it's done, my man!" Tuffnut yelled.**

"**You can do this, Hiccup! Come on!" Raeda cheered.**

Hiccup walked towards the weapon rack and picked a shield and a dagger.

"Yeah, like that will help him fighting against the dragon." Tuffnut commented.

"You idiot, that's the whole point. He's not going to fight the dragon." Ruffnut said. She then leaned towards Raeda. "That was true, right?"

Raeda simply nodded.

"**Hrmph. If that was me, I would have chosen the hammer or the axe." Stoick said to Gobber.**

Hiccup then stood at the centre of the Arena and called out "I'm ready."

The gates opened and out came a terrifying Monstrous Nightmare who immediately coated itself with flames and roared as it left its' cage. The dragon then climbed out from the ceiling, shooting fire at the other Vikings who managed to dodge them. It then set its' sights on Hiccup. It dropped down from the ceiling and inched closer and closer to Hiccup. Hiccup took a deep breath. It was now or never. He then threw away his shield and his dagger, much to the confusion of everyone except for Hicca and Astrid.

"**What is he doing?" Stoick mumbled.**

"Looks like he just threw away his shield and dagger." Tuffnut commented. Ruffnut rolled her eyes and smacked her twin on the head.

"**It's okay. It's okay." Hiccup said, trying to calm down the Monstrous Nightmare. He then took off his helmet and threw it away as well. "I'm not one of them."**

All the villagers remembered how shocked they felt when they heard

Hiccup say that. How could this kid easily give away his heritage for a dragon? Now they understood completely.

This caused the villagers, except for Astrid and Hicca, to gasp in shock. How could he say that?

"**Stop the fight." Stoick said, not believing what he was seeing.**

"**No! All of you need to see this. Dragons are not the monsters we think they are. We can live in peace with them" Hiccup said, reaching his hand towards the dragon. Hicca held her breath. This is it. All he had to do now was show everyone that the Monstrous Nightmare can be tamed.**

Stoick hit head with his hand and clutched his head as hard as he could. Hiccup was so close to showing everyone that dragons and the chief not only ruined that chance, but he also put both of his children in danger.

"**I SAID STOP THE FIGHT!" Stoick yelled enraged. He banged his hammer against the rails and just like that, all hope Hiccup had to tame the Monstrous Nightmare had vanished as the dragon started panicking. It went on a rampage, targeting Hiccup. Hiccup screamed and started running for his life, trying desperately to avoid getting burned by the dragon.**

**Back at the Cove Toothless and Midnights' ears perked up at the sound of Hiccups' voice. Midnight already flew out of the Cove. **

"Wow, they heard that all the way from the Cove. They must have really sharp hearing." Fishlegs said, mostly to himself.

Toothless climbed out of the Cove, sinking his claws deep in the slopes so he won't fall. He finally made it out of the Cove and joined his mate as they both headed towards the village as fast as they could.

"Wait if he was able to get out of there, why didn't he do it before?" Snotlout asked dumbly.

"Because he got an incentive." Astrid answered.

"And what was that?" Tuffnut asked.

Astrid didn't bother answering Tuffnut. Nobody did.

"**Hurry, Astrid! We need to get in there!" Hicca exclaimed as Astrid used her axe to open the gate to create enough space for her and Hicca to slide under. They got in and Hicca ran to her brother to help him while Astrid grabbed a hammer from the weapons' rack and threw it to the dragon, causing it to chase her instead.**

**Stoick made his way towards the entrance and opened the gate, allowing the teens to escape. "This way!" he shouted. Astrid managed to get out just in time but Hicca and Hiccup weren't so lucky as the Monstrous Nightmare fired near the entrance, preventing either of them from escaping. The dragon then pounced on them, trapping them with its claws. **

Everyone gasped as they saw how _very_ close Hicca and Hiccup were to getting burned.

Before it could blast either of them though, two roars filled the Arena as the villagers looked towards the source.

"**Night Fury!" Gobber yelled.**

Toothless and Midnight flew into the Arena, ignoring the shouts from the other Vikings and attacked the dragon that dared to harm Hiccup and Hicca. They were successful as they got the dragon away from the twins and made it retreat back into the cage. But then there was another problem; the Vikings. Hicca and Hiccup got up and ran to their dragons.

"**Alright, Toothless, you and Midnight go. Get out of here!" He begged, trying to push Toothless to go.**

"**Midnight, please! You guys need to get out of here or you're both going to get captured." Hicca pleaded.**

But the two dragons adamantly refused.

All the vikings were amazed at the fact that Toothless and Midnight only stayed and put themselves at risk because they thought Hiccup and Hicca were still in danger. They have seen the friendship grow, but still!

Many Vikings charged in the Arena and tried to attack the Night Furies, but Midnight and Toothless fought back. Stoick then charged in the Arena towards the dragons.

"**Stoick, no!" Astrid shouted. But it was no use. The chief had his mind set on capturing those dragons at all costs.**

"**No, wait! You don't understand!" Hicca cried.**

"**Dad, he won't hurt you!" Hiccup shouted. But it was too late. Toothless ran towards him and attacked while Hicca managed to hold Midnight back. After a brief struggle, Toothless had Stoick pinned to the ground, and to the twins horror, was preparing to fire a plasma blast!**

"**Toothless! STOP!"**

"**DON'T Toothless, Please!"**

"**NOOOOO!" The Haddock twins yelled. That stopped Toothless as his pupils dilated. He looked up to the twins in confusion, when he suddenly got tackle by the other Vikings! Midnight gave a roar and rushed to help him, but she too got tackled and muzzled! **

Stoick was grateful that Toothless decided to listen to Hiccup, otherwise the chief wouldn't be here right now. But that also made him feel guiltier at the fact that he overlooked that aspect.

Hiccup and Hicca tried to get to their dragons but Astrid held them back, knowing it's only going to make things worse.

Stoick got up and saw the two dragons being tied by the Vikings while his two children were trying to help their enemies. "Put them with the others!" He commanded.

From the stands, Raeda was speechless along with the other teens. She was not expecting any of this to happen at all! She then looked back at her two friends and saw how worried they were for the dragons.

The villagers cringed as they knew what was going to happen, even Snotlout, Ruffnut and Tuffnut. While no one actually heard the entire conversation before, they definitely knew what happened at the end. Stoick didn't look down or held his hand to his head. He made himself look up to the screen and see what he had done.

The doors to the Great Hall opened and Hiccup and Hicca were shoved inside.

"**I should have known. I should have seen the signs." Stoick ranted, angered by what he saw.**

"**Dad-" Hiccup tried to explain.**

"**We had a deal!" **

"**I know we did... But that was before... Ugh, it's all so messed up." Hiccup said.**

"**We really didn't want things to end up like this!" Hicca said.**

"**So everything you two did in the ring. A trick? A lie?"**

"**We screwed up. We should have told you before now. Take this out on us, be mad at us, but please... just don't hurt Toothless and Midnight."**

"**Please, just spare them. It wasn't their fault!"**

"**Those dragon?" Stoick shouted in disbelief "That's what you're both worried about? Not the people you two almost killed?!"**

"**They were just protecting us! They're not dangerous."**

"**They attacked because they saw you guys as threats!"**

"**They've killed HUNDREDS OF US!"**

"**AND WE'VE KILLED THOUSANDS OF THEM!"**

Everyone, even the chief, flinched. Kudos to Hiccup and Hicca for keeping up the argument.

"**They are being held against their will! They have no choice

but to raid our village for food!"**

"**Hicca's right. They defend themselves, that's all! They raid us because they have to! If they don't bring enough food back, they'll be eaten themselves. There's something else on their island, Dad... it's a dragon like-"**

"**More like a monster!"**

"**Their island?" Stoick asked causing the twins to freeze. "So you two have been to the nest."**

"**Did I say nest?" Hiccup asked nervously.**

"**How did you two find it?!" Stoick demanded.**

"**No... We didn't. ****_Toothless and Midnight_**** did. Only a dragon can find the island."**

"**Yeah, it's some kind of hypnotic sound or something that pulls them towards the island. Oh, no." Hicca said, putting her hands to her mouth as she and her brother saw the look in their fathers' eyes. They knew what he was planning to do.**

"**Oh, no, no. Dad, no! Dad. It's not what you think!" Hiccup said desperately as Stoick moved towards the door.**

"**Dad, please! We saw this thing ourselves! It will destroy you and the other warriors in one blast!" Hicca warned, getting in front of her father to try and stop him.**

"**It's like nothing you've ever seen! Dad, please. Hicca and I promise you that you can't win this one! No. Dad, no! FOR ****_ONCE_**** IN YOUR LIFE, WOULD YOU ****_PLEASE_**** JUST LISTEN TO US?!" Hiccup shouted, grabbing on to his fathers' arm. Stoick shook him off, throwing him back. Hicca went to her brother to see if he was okay.**

"**You two have thrown your lot in with them." Stoick said in a low voice causing them to stop and look at him "You're not Vikings. You're not my children." He slammed the door behind them, leaving the twins speechless as their hearts stopped. **

Outside the Great Hall, Stoick stopped and let everything sink in as he realized what he just did. However, he shook it off and walked forward. "READY THE SHIPS!" He shouted. They have a battle to prepare for.

No one said anything. They knew it was wrong for the chief to not listen to his own children, but then again they weren't any better. They also ignored the Haddock twins and each one of them, except for Raeda, would bet that they would have refused to listen to either of the two if one of them tried to explain.

19. What's The Plan?

**A/N: Woo-hoo! Finally another update after a long time. For all those Twilight fans out there, feel free to read my newest fic 'Rising Sun'. This type of story may have been done a thousand times

already, but do give mine a chance and leave some reviews. :) Now onto the story.**

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At the docks, the all the warriors gathered every weapon they have and threw them on the ships. Those who were too young or too old stayed behind. Toothless and Midnight were bound to chains, unable to break free, and were pulled onto one of the ships. Hiccup and Hicca could only helplessly watch from afar at the preparations. They couldn't do anything now. They have already done enough.

"**Set sail! We head for Helheim's Gate." Stoick ordered. He looked up and saw Hicca and Hiccup looking at him, their faces were expressionless. He shook it off and walked towards the front of the ship. He stopped where Midnight and Toothless were and leaned towards them. "Lead us home, Devils." He said in a low voice glaring at them which they returned.**

The Vikings in the Great Hall sat in silence as they watch themselves prepare for the worse battle they have faced in centuries, even worse than the battles with the Berserker tribes.

**The Haddock twins watched as the ships disappeared, desperately wanting to stop them but couldn't. They knew they would only make it worse. They stayed there even after the ships were long gone and Astrid joined them. **

"**It's a mess. You two must feel horrible. Both of you have lost everything. Your father, your tribe, your best dragon friends..." Astrid stated.**

That barely helped "Thank you for summing that up." Hiccup dead-panned.

"**Yeah, we really appreciate that." Hicca muttered sarcastically. This was not what either of them needed to hear at all.**

"Looks like Gobber's not the only one bad at pep talks." Raeda commented.

"You got to admit, lass, at least my pep talks are better than Astrids'." Gobber said.

Raeda considered that for a moment before shrugging. "Hard to tell the difference."

"Hey!" Astrid and Gobber both said.

"**Why couldn't I have killed that dragon when Hicca and I found him in the woods? It would have been better for everyone." Hiccup said sadly, remembering that day in the forest.**

**Astrid then spoke up "Yep. The rest of us would have done it. So why didn't you?" She asked Hiccup. She then turned to Hicca "What

about you Hicca? When you're brother couldn't have killed him, why didn't you?"**

Now everyone was curious about this. Sure they knew why Hicca didn't want to kill dragons but what about Hiccup? Not even Raeda could guess the reason.

Hicca took a deep breath and answered "Because I knew it wasn't who I am. I don't want to be a dragon slayer, I actually want to be a..." She took another deep breath "...a healer. And seeing Toothless in the forest that day confirmed that."

Astrid raised her eyebrows in surprise "A healer?"

"**Yeah, I have that passion ever since I was eleven. I wanted to save lives, not take them away. Now, it looks like all hope for that ever becoming a reality is gone." Hicca admitted, looking out towards the ocean.**

Not wanting to push the subject further, Astrid turned to Hiccup "And what about you? Why didn't you?"

"**I don't know. I couldn't." Hiccup said, not looking at her.**

"**That's not an answer."Astrid stated.**

Hiccup started getting annoyed "Why is this so important to you all of a sudden?!"

"**Because I want to remember what you say, ****_right now_****." Astrid answered calmly.**

"**Oh, for the love of- I was a coward! I was weak. I ****_wouldn't_**** kill a dragon!"**

"Did he say 'wouldn't'? I thought before he said he 'couldn't'." Tuffnut questioned. Everyone just stared at him in surprise.

"For once, Tuffnut, you actually made a good observation." Astrid said, saying what everyone else was thinking.

"**You said ****_'wouldn't'_**** that time." Astrid pointed out.**

"I knew it!"

WHACK!

"**Whatever! I wouldn't! Three hundred years, and I'm the first Viking who ****_wouldn't_**** kill a dragon!" Hiccup ranted, turning his back to the girls. He just felt hopeless now.**

"**Not the first, bro." Hicca reminded him. **

"**You two were the first to ride ones, though." That brought the twins out of their depressions as they remembered all the discoveries they made in the past month and the fact that they managed to restore a dragons' flight. They wouldn't have achieved those things if they weren't so different from everyone. "So...?"**

"**...I wouldn't kill him because he looked as frightened as ****_I_**** was. I looked at him, and I saw myself." Hiccup answered, looking at Astrid. The three of them then stared out at the direction that the ships went. **

Everyone stared at the screen, amazed that Hiccup saw that. None of them would have.

"**I bet he and Midnight are really frightened now. What are you two going to do about it?" Astrid asked.**

Hiccup shrugged. "Eh, probably something stupid."

"**Wouldn't be our first time." Hicca commented.**

"**Good. But you've already done that." Astrid said.**

An idea then came to the twins mind. One glance exchanged, they knew they have the same plan in mind.

"**Then something crazy!" Hiccup said.**

"**We need to get to the Arena!" Hicca said and the twins ran off.**

"And crazy it was." Gobber commented. Everyone agreed with him.

"**_That's_****more like it!" Astrid said watching the two run off. There were the Haddock twins she knew and love. She then went to join them.**

"**Sound your positions. Stay within earshot." Stoick ordered.**

"**Here."**

"**One length to your stern."**

"On your starboard flank."

"Three widths to port."

"Ahead, at your bow."

"**Haven't a clue."**

Gobber then approached Stoick nervously "Listen... Stoick... I was overhearing some of the men just now and, well, some of them are wondering what it is we're up to here- not me of course, I know you're always the man with the plan- but some, not me, are wondering if there is in fact a plan at all, what it might be?"

"How subtle Gobber." Raeda said sarcastically.

"**Find the nest and take it." Stoick said with a cold expression. He was determined to get rid of every last one of them. To make them pay for brainwashing Hiccup and Hicca to take their

side. They have taken away his wife and turned his children against him and now he will get his revenge.**

"**Ah. Of course. Send them running. The old Viking fallback. Nice and simple." Gobber muttered, not feeling reassured at all. Movements from Toothless and Midnight caught Stoicks' attention. "Shhh." He observed the two dragons for second before moving to the back of the ship. He grabbed the rudder and observe the two Night Furies. Toothless and Midnight, on instinct, turned their heads left, making Stoick steer the boat left as well. He started following directions based on where the dragons turned their heads to get to the Nest.**

"**Bear to port." One of the Vikings called out.**

Back in the Arena on Berk, Hicca and Hiccup were about to open one of the cages when a familiar voice made them turn around.

"**If you're planning on getting eaten, I'd definitely go with the Gronckle." Fishlegs advised.**

"Our time to shine!" Snotlout said, grinning

In front of the Haddock twins was not only Astrid but also Fishlegs, Raeda, Snotlout, Ruffnut and Tuffnut.

Raeda walked towards the two and they were suddenly feeling nervous. She now knows the truth, what is she going to say to them?

"**Night Furies...You guys befriended ****_Night Furies_****. Unbelievable." She said.**

"**Look, Rae. We're so sorry. We really didn't want to lie to you and it wasn't easy for us to do so. We just-." Hicca tried to explain but was then cut off by Raeda.**

Everyone, except for the teens, braced themselves, wondering what the Henderson girl would say to them and how they earned her forgiveness.

"**Those were two of the most feared and deadly dragons known to Vikings. They could have been anywhere they wanted to be, yet they willingly chose to come to a place filled with armed Vikings...just to protect you two. One of them even had the ****_perfect_**** chance to kill the chief. But it didn't because you guys told him not to." Raeda commented thoughtfully.**

The Haddock twins were surprised by her reaction. This was definitely not what they were expecting.

The Viking adults were equally shocked by this reaction. They were expecting her to yell at the twins, feeling hurt and betrayed that they didn't tell her.

"**Wait, so you're ****_not_**** mad at us?" Hiccup asked unsure.**

"**Well, to be honest I'm more shock than mad but as far as I

know, those two dragons saved your lives and we need to return the favour. Astrid said you guys have a plan and we're in." Raeda said, referring to herself and the other teens.**

Everyone's respect for Raeda grew as they saw her being so understanding and opened minded to her best friends. That is strong loyalty. Stoick wished he could have been that understanding.

Hicca and Hiccup smiled in relief. They still have their best human friend.

Tuffnut then decided to cut in. "You two were wise to seek help from the world's most deadly weapon." He said, pushing Raeda aside. Noticing the Haddock twins confused expressions he then added "It's me."

"Oh please! _I'm _the world's most deadly weapon!" Snotlout exclaimed.

"No, that's me!" Ruffnut argued.

"Both of you shut up!" Astrid ordered.

"**I ****_love_**** this plan!" Snotlout said enthusiastically, pushing Tuffnut aside. They didn't even say what the plan was.**

"**We didn't..." Hiccup started to say before Ruffnut cut in.**

"They didn't even tell us the plan, yet." Raeda said to Snotlout.

"Obviously, I could tell what they were planning to do. That's why I knew the plan would be awesome." Snotlout boasted.

"Really? You knew what they were planning?" Astrid asked, with doubt. "Because if I remember correctly, you were pretty shocked when Hiccup opened the Monstrous Nightmare cage."

The other teens snickered at that while Snotlout grumbled to himself, unable to come up with a comeback.

"**You two are crazy!" She then leaned towards Hiccup and whispered. "I like that." Much to the poor boys' discomfort.**

To his relief, Astrid pulled Ruffnut aside by her helmet. "So? What ****_is_** the plan?" She asked**

"**Knowing you two, it's going to be something epic." Raeda said, smiling.**

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